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滅亡した刀家の落とし胤・雷蔵は、美しくも恐ろしい三人の女忍者を伴いお家再興を目指すことに。

その手段はというと…嫁探し!?

歴史は女が作り出す！

怨敵・冠木星眼に追われる一行は相楽国のひばり姫に近づくことに…

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CHAPTER 10: ... IMPRISONMENT
CHAPTER 11: ..... OLD SCAR

USING HIS OWN BLOOD, SEIKAN ENGRAVES A TATTOO UPON A PERSON.
WITH THIS DARK MAGIC, HE TURNS THE PERSON INTO A PUPPET TO OBEY HIS EVERY COMMAND.
THE BLOOD RITE.
UHN ...
Su
EN-DURE IT.
THE TERROR, THE PAIN ... IT WILL ALL DIS-APPEAR.
THEN, LET'S CONTINUE FROM YESTER-DAY.
I'M STARTING.

BETRAYAL

HUN-
GRY
!
RAAR
I'M

UUR
. . .

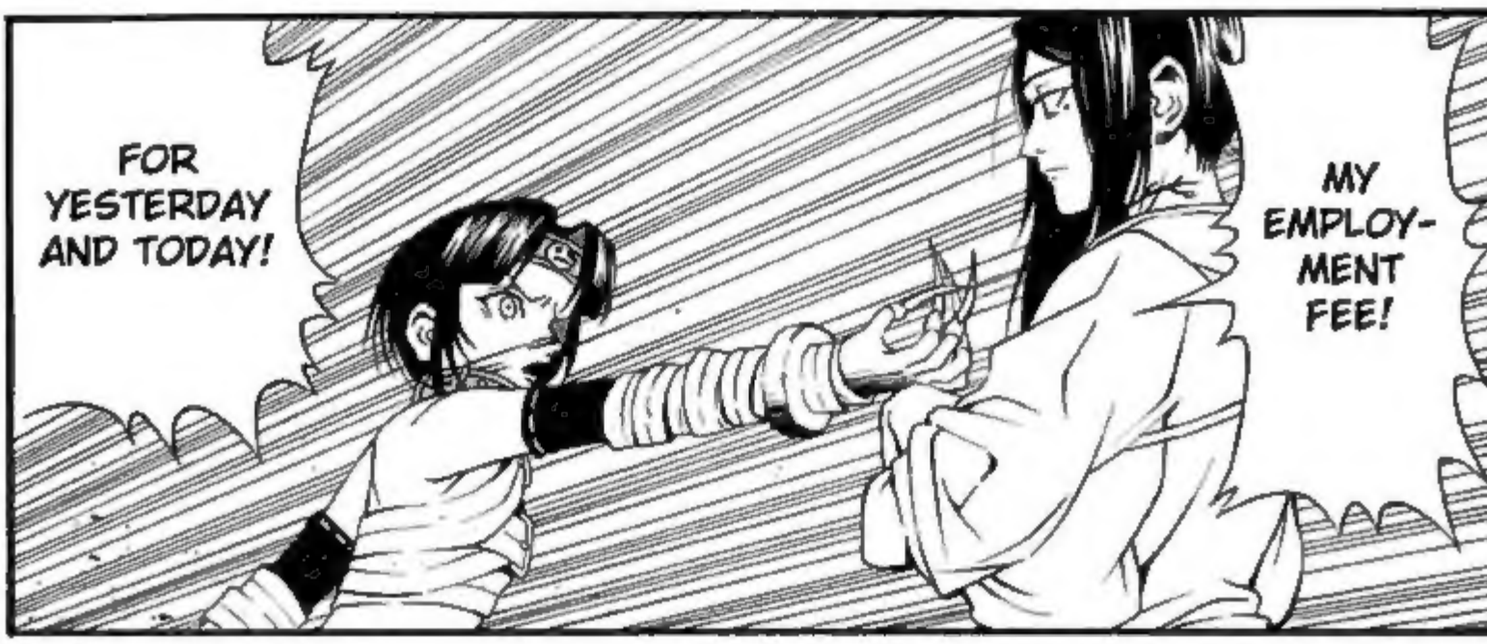
WE DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY ANYMORE, SO COMPLAINING WON'T HELP!
THAT'S SHAMEFUL, KAGARI!
FOO
D!
I CAN'T DO THIS ANY-MORE!
WE HAVEN'T HAD A PROPER MEAL FOR 3 WHOLE DAYS!
CHEW
CHEW

YOU'RE HOPE-LESS ...
HERB BROTH FOR A WEEK ...?!
GUESS I'LL GIVE YOU SOME OF MY HANDMADE RATIONS.
WELL, I'M PRETTY USED TO NOT EATING ...
I'VE LIVED ON ONLY HERB BROTH AND WATER FOR A WEEK AND SUCH.
WHY DON'T YOU LEARN A LESSON FROM MILORD!

I DON'T WANT THAT STUFF!
WHA-! "THAT STUFF" ?!
YOU SPOILED -!
ELI
ELIJ ...
IJI ...
I WONDER IF SHE'D GIVE US SOME MONEY IF SHE WERE HERE.
MIZUCHI.
DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP.
WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE SLIGHTEST TRACE OF HER.
SHE COULD HAVE ALREADY CHANGED SIDES TO THE KABUKI.
HIII
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
SHE'S CRYING?!
WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING ?!
EVEN MIZUCHI HAS THINGS SHE'D NEVER GIVE UP FOR MONEY!

GO GO GO
AS ALWAYS, YOUR "ANPO" IS SPLENDID, MIZUCHI.
!
IF ONLY YOU HADN'T LEAKED THAT KILLING AURA EVERYWHERE, I WOULD NOT HAVE NOTICED YOU.
YOU HAVE ALREADY JOINED MY SIDE, HAVEN'T YOU?
BUT... WHY ARE YOU MAKING AN ATTEMPT AT MY LIFE NOW?

MONEY


FOR YESTERDAY AND TODAY!
MY EMPLOY-MENT FEE!

PASH

SWSH
SWUSH

SINCE YOU JOINED US YOU HAVEN'T EVEN DONE A SINGLE JOB.
SPOUT YOUR NONSENSE SOMEWHERE ELSE.
GI
GI
GI
JUMP!!
GI
KABUKI HOUSEHOLD SHINOBI, NAJA

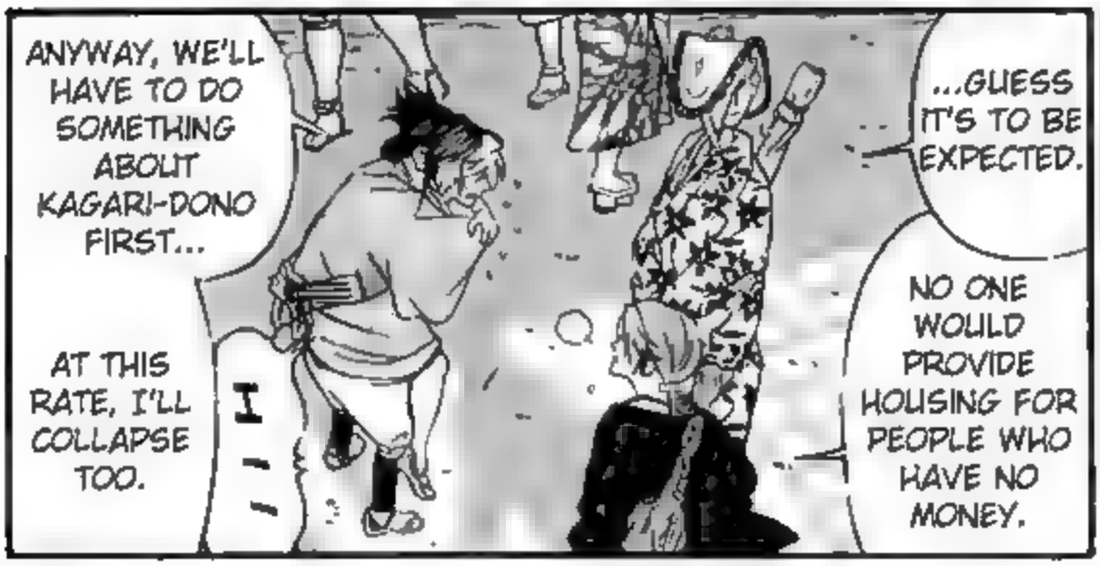
WORK.
THEN ...
SHUU

NAJA. GIVE MIZUCHI THAT JOB ...
AS LONG AS YOU HAVE WORK TO DO, THEN NO COMPLAINTS WILL BE HAD, CORRECT?

THAT'S ENOUGH, YOU TWO.

MO
NEY
HERE. YOUR PAY FOR 2 DAYS.
WELL, YOU DID JOIN US OUT OF MONEY... SO I SUPPOSE IT'S TO BE EXPECTED.
SUISUI
TSK. YOU REALLY LIKE MONEY, DON'T YOU?
TO TURN ALL FIENDISH BECAUSE YOUR DAILY SALARY WAS BELATED A SINGLE DAY...
!!
PASH
MY LOVE FOR SEIKAN-SAMA. ♡
FOR ME THOUGH, MORE THAN MONEY, I TREASURE LOVE.
YOU'RE AWARE THAT WE ARE CHASING DOWN THE LAST SURVIVOR OF THE KATANA HOUSEHOLD, AREN'T YOU?
NOW THEN, MIZUCHI-CHAN. IF YOU WANT THAT MONEY YOU LOVE SO MUCH, YOU'LL HAVE TO DO SOME WORK. ♡

GET HER.
IN THAT GROUP, THERE IS A KUNOICHI CALLED KAGARI.
I'M... SUPPOSED TO KILL... KAGARI-NEE?


ANYWAY, WE'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT KAGARI-DONO FIRST...
AT THIS RATE, I'LL COLLAPSE TOO.
I...
...GUESS IT'S TO BE EXPECTED.
NO ONE WOULD PROVIDE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO MONEY.

御宿所
GET OUT!

"SAMA"?
MIGHT KAGARI-SAMA BE AMONG YOU GROUP?

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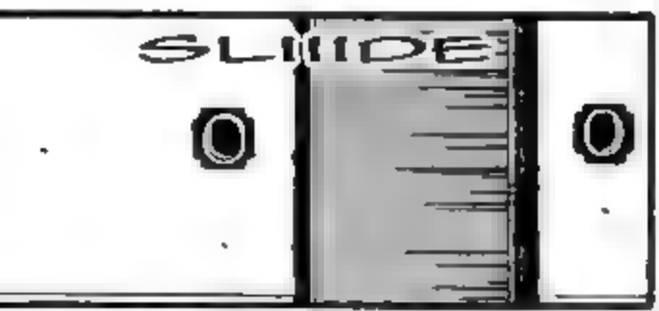
PLEASE WAIT!

AND MEALS HAVE BEEN PREPARED USING THE BEST INGRED-IENTS.

MY APOLOGIES, IF WE HAD KNOWN FROM THE BEGINNING ...
WE HAVE OUR FINEST ROOM PREPARED FOR YOU.



(T/L NOTE: YEAH, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT KAGARI IS TALKING ABOUT.)

KAGARI-NEE!
MIZUCHI!
MI...
THANKS! THANKS TO YOU, I FEEL ALIVE AGAIN!
HERE, KAGARI-NEE! SECONDS!

EVERY-ONE ELSE GETS A SINGLE DRIED SARDINE, HUH...
NOT THAT I MIND
THAT GIRL IS THE LAST OF THE KUNOICHI, RIGHT?
...SO, MIZUCHI.
UP UNTIL NOW, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN AND WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING?
I'VE BEEN GATHER-ING MONEY.
AND WHERE DID YOU GET THAT MONEY FROM?
I...
OH...
THEY'RE FRIENDS?
GUSHI
I CAN'T!
THAT IS THE ONLY ...

SEIKAN-SAMA WAS FASCINATED BY THAT GIRL'S TECHNIQUE.
HE WISHES TO HAVE HER JOIN US.
DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS. BY "GET HER" I MEAN TO BRING HER HERE.

I'LL DO IT!
I CAN BE TOGETHER WITH KAGARI-NEE?!

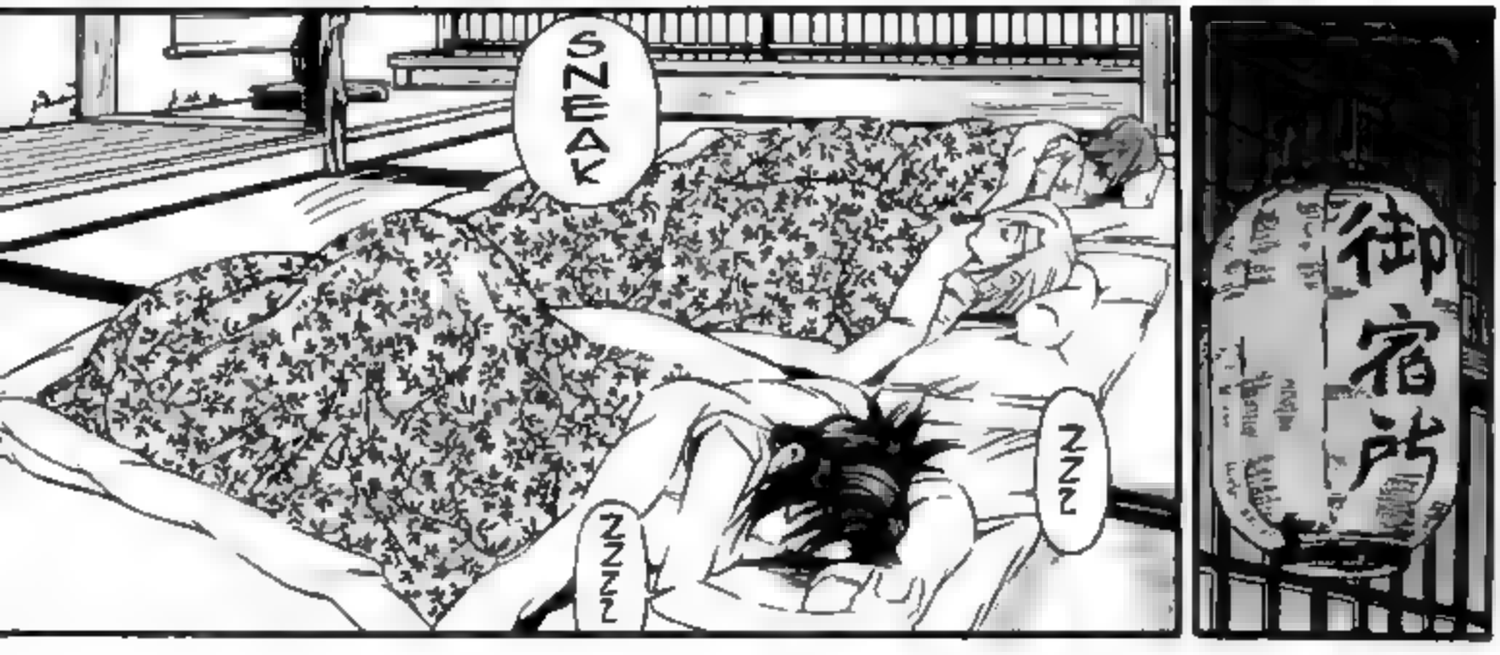
AND TO ME, A DRIED SARDINE IS ALREADY A TREAT.
IT'S FINE, I DON'T MIND.
BESIDES, IT'S THE FIRST TIME WE'VE ALL BEEN TOGETHER, RIGHT? LET'S ALL JUST GET ALONG.

THAT'S NOT AN ANSWER ...
TRADE SECRET.

BLUH
AND ALSO, MIZUCHI! TO ONLY GIVE YOUR OWN LORD A SINGLE DRIED FISH! INSOLENCE!
IF YOU WISH TO TRAVEL WITH US, THEN CHANGE THAT ATTITUDE!

COMPLETELY WITHOUT ABILITY OR TALENT IN THIS SENGOKU WORLD, BEING DECIEVED JUST BY THIS, I CAN ALREADY SEE YOUR FUTURE.
KATANA HOUSEHOLD REVIVAL? NO...
DEATH!
NAIVE.
.....
THERE YOU GO AGAIN, MILORD ...

I MUST ACT QUICKLY AND DRAW KAGARI-NEE AWAY FROM THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
IT'S OKAY, I CAN'T REALLY EAT THAT EXPEN-SIVE STUFF ANYWAY ...
I'M SO SORRY, WITHOUT EVEN NOTICING, I, BY MYSELF ...
NOW IT'S EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO GET RID OF HIM.


SZEAK
ZZZ
ZZZZ
御宿所

SCHHH
MI-ZU-CHI ?!
NEE ...
KAGARI-NEE ...

A LITTLE PAMPERED, AREN'T YOU?
IF YOU WANT TO SLEEP TOGETHER, JUST SAY SO!
THAT'S NOT-!
ACTUALLY, I HAVE SOMETHING TO SPEAK TO KAGARI-NEE ABOUT ...

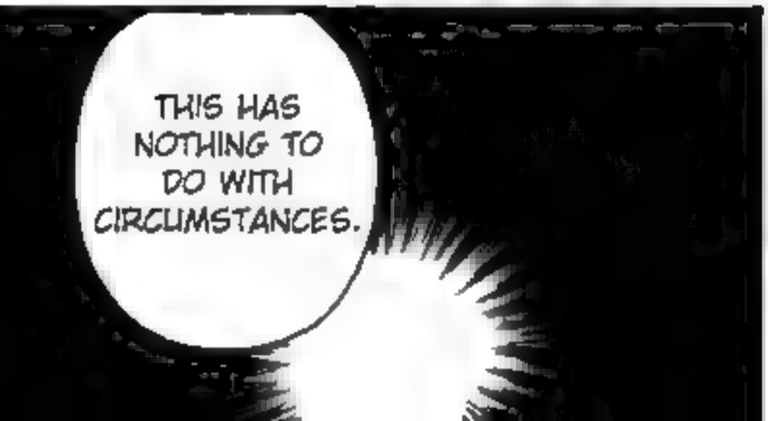
NEE, THE THING I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT IS A LITTLE LIKE THIS.
WOULD YOU COME WITH ME, JUST LIKE THIS?
HA!
HAPPY

ARE YOU SCARED OF GOING TO THE TOILET ALONE?
NO, I DON'T MEAN-!
I CAN'T TELL YOU THE DESTI-NATION RIGHT NOW, BUT
PLEASE, JUST BELIEVE IN ME AND COME WITH ME!
IT'S DEFINITELY NOT A BAD PLACE!

...DO YOU MEAN FOR ME TO LEAVE MILORD AND EVERYONE ELSE, AND FOLLOW YOU ON MY OWN?
YES.

I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF CIRCUM-STAN-CES. FOR EX-AMPLE
KAGARI-NEE IS VERY DILIGENT, SO I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE VERY LOYAL TO MILORD...
BUT ...

I CANNOT.


THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CIRCUMSTANCES.

ISN'T HE HONEST BECAUSE HIS FAMILY WERE PEASANTS?!
AND RATHER THAN KIND, HE'S LEANING MORE TOWARDS INDECISIVE...
NEE ... THAT'S A LITTLE ...

THAT'S WHY, UNTIL HE FINDS ONE ...
RIGHT NOW, WE'RE MOVING ACCORDING TO KISARABI'S PLAN AND SEARCHING FOR A BRIDE FOR MILORD ...

AT THE VERY LEAST, UNTIL THE TIME COMES WHEN HE FINDS ONE ...
I WANT TO STAY BY MILORD'S SIDE.

I WANT TO SERVE MILORD BECAUSE
OF HIS KIND NATURE AND HIS HONEST PERSONALITY.

TO ACTIVATE SHINTAIGOU, THERE MUST BE A PERSON SHE LOVES!
"SEIKAN-SAMA WAS FASCINATED BY THAT GIRL'S 'TECHNIQUE'."
NEE'S TECHNIQUE IS "SHINTAI-GOU"!
WHY DIDN'T I REALIZE ?!

NEE'S LIPS ...?!
MIZUCHI?
THAT MALE-PIG ...

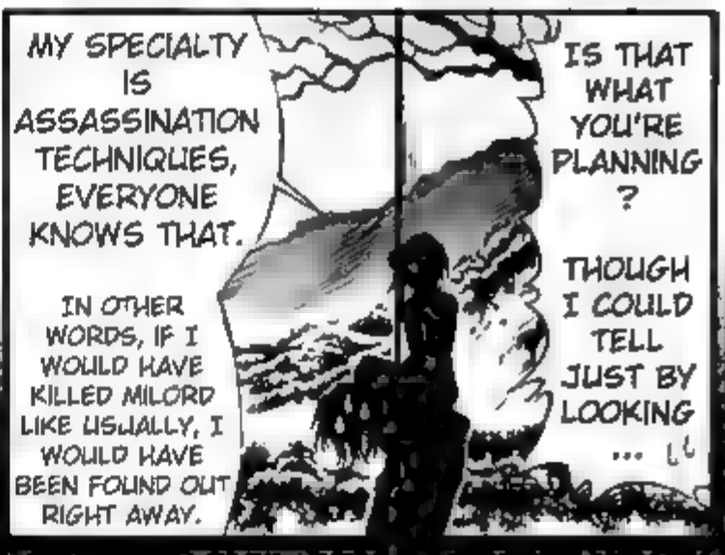
IT'S TIME TO CLEAN UP THE TRASH!

御宿

MIZUCHI-DONO?
UMM ...
GOOOOOO
HIIII!
GII
GIII
IS THIS ...?
GIII
WHAT EXACTLY ...

MILORD. I WILL HAVE YOU DIE HERE.

INSTEAD, YOU TIRED OF LIFE AND THREW YOURSELF OFF A CLIFF.
REST IN PEACE
WHA-!
SUICIDE?!


MY SPECIALTY IS ASSASSINATION TECHNIQUES, EVERYONE KNOWS THAT.
IN OTHER WORDS, IF I WOULD HAVE KILLED MILORD LIKE USUALLY, I WOULD HAVE BEEN FOUND OUT RIGHT AWAY.
IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING?
THOUGH I COULD TELL JUST BY LOOKING ...

NOW THEN.
SO WHY DO YOU HAVE TO KILL ME?!

PRE-CISELY.
Please don't look for me. Raizou.

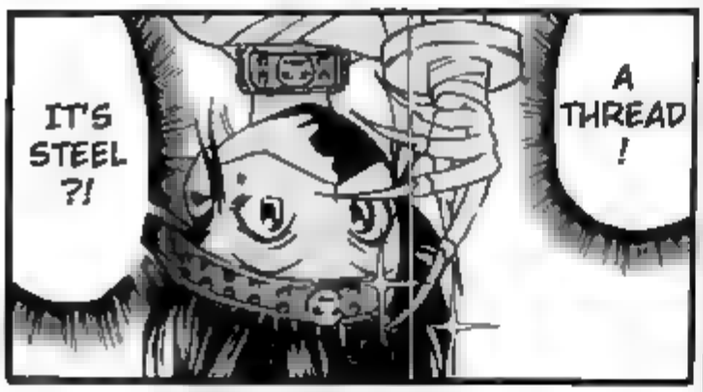
THE OTHERS SHOULD FIND THE NOTE I LEFT RIGHT ABOUT NOW.

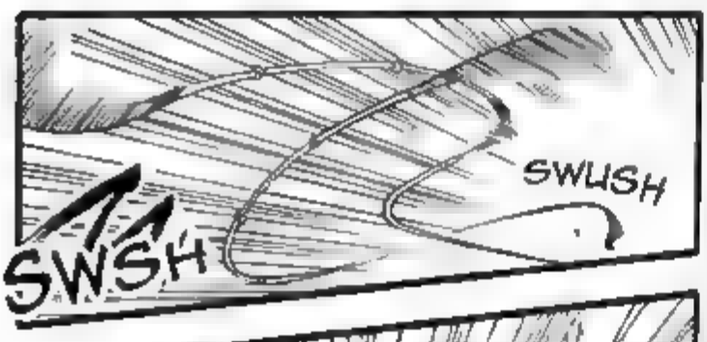
... YOUR SILENCE IS A SUFFICIENT RESPONSE.
SILENCE
IS THAT WHERE THE MONEY FROM YESTER-DAY CAME FROM?!
DID YOU CHANGE SIDES?! TO THE KABUKI?!
KAGARI-DONO...
WHEN KISARABI-SAN AND HIMEMARU-DONO WERE SPEAKING ILL OF MIZUCHI-DONO, SHE STOOD UP FOR YOU.

"THAT IS THE BOND WE SHARE!"
"EVEN MIZUCHI HAS THINGS SHE'D NEVER GIVE UP FOR MONEY!"

TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE SHE CARES FOR...
SHE'S REALLY QUITE KIND.
I DON'T WANT THAT.
MONEY IS IMPOR-TANT.
WITHOUT MONEY, THE PEOPLE YOU CARE FOR WILL END UP HURTING AND CRYING.
FOO--D
GULP!
YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO KNOW OF ANY SUCH INCIDENTS?
SLASH
FALL!
HIII——!
UH... IT WAS ONLY A LITTLE...
HYOOOO
NOTHING BUT DEATH AWAITS THE LIKES OF YOU!
AS I THOUGHT, YOU'VE MADE KAGARI-NEE CRY ...!

WHA-!


IT'S STEEL ?!
A THREAD !


SWSH
SWUSH

PAPASH!
DAMN!

?!
TWANG

ZAA
THAT'S AS FAR AS YOU GO, MIZUCHI.
.....
SLIIIDE
TO

QUIETLY HAND OVER MILORD TO US. IF YOU REFUSE ...
YOU REA-SONS DO NOT MATTER ANY-MORE.
KACHAK
EVERY-ONE?
LOOKS LIKE YOU MADE A MISTAKE.
EVEN IF WE'RE NOT SLEEPING TOGETHER, I STILL MAKE SURE TO KEEP AN EYE ON MILORD.
♡

AT THIS RATE, THEY'LL END UP KILLING EACH OTHER!
I HAVE TO-!
... TRY IT.

ZAMU
STOOOOO ...

KAGARI-NEE...

KA-GARI-NEE, THIS IS!
I WASN'T PLANNING ON BETRAYING KAGARI-NEE OR ANYTHING ...!
KAGARI-DONO, PLEASE, DON'T BE TOO HARD ON...
SHE'S FURIOUS ...
MIZUCHI... YOU'VE DONE THE UNFOR-GIVABLE ...

PRE-PARE TO BE PUN-ISHED.
ZA
JERK
!!
WHAT IS SHE GOING TO ...?
DRIP
DRIP
SHAKE
SHAKE

THERE !!
FLICK

(T/L NOTE: NIGAIGASA : SHINOBI SECRET MESSAGE)

IN ORDER FOR ME TO HAVE KAGARI-NEE
I MUST HAVE THAT MAN FIND A SUITABLE BRIDE TO MARRY. THEN, I'LL BE ABLE TO DRAW KAGARI-NEE AWAY FROM THAT GROUP!
CHANGE OF PLANS !!
ABOVE ALL, KAGARI-NEE BELONGS TO ME...
I WON'T LET SOME MALE-PIG LIKE HIM HAVE HER.
THIS WAY, I WON'T BE GOING AGAINST THE ORDERS FROM KABUKI EITHER.
INS-TANT
A TRAP.
DECI-SION
NO ...
INTRODUCING YOURSELF AS A POTENTIAL HUSBAND MAY YIELD GOOD RESULTS."
"CURRENTLY, THIS COUNTRY'S POLITICAL SITUATION IS UNSTABLE, AND FULL OF OPENINGS.
A LARGE FACTOR OF THIS UNREST STEMS FROM THE FACT THAT THE CURRENT LORD'S ONLY CHILD IS FEMALE, LADY HIBARI OF THE KABURAGI HOUSEHOLD. AS SHE CANNOT INHERIT THE LORDSHIP OF OUMI COUNTRY ..

LET'S GO TAKE A LOOK.
MIZUCHI-DONO IS KAGARI-DONO'S ALLY.
IN OTHER WORDS, SHE IS OUR ALLY.

THEN, LET US BE OFF!
TO THE CONTRY OF OUMI AND LADY HIBARI!
背信の乱 54 完

MILORD! ♡
BECAUSE, IGNORING THE DIRECTIONS SHE LEFT FOR US SEEMS EVEN SCARIER ...
YOU KNOW THAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP, RIGHT?
AA--N! ♡ ATTRACTED TO THIS PRINCESS, AREN'T YOU? YOU LITTLE LECHER, YOU! ♡

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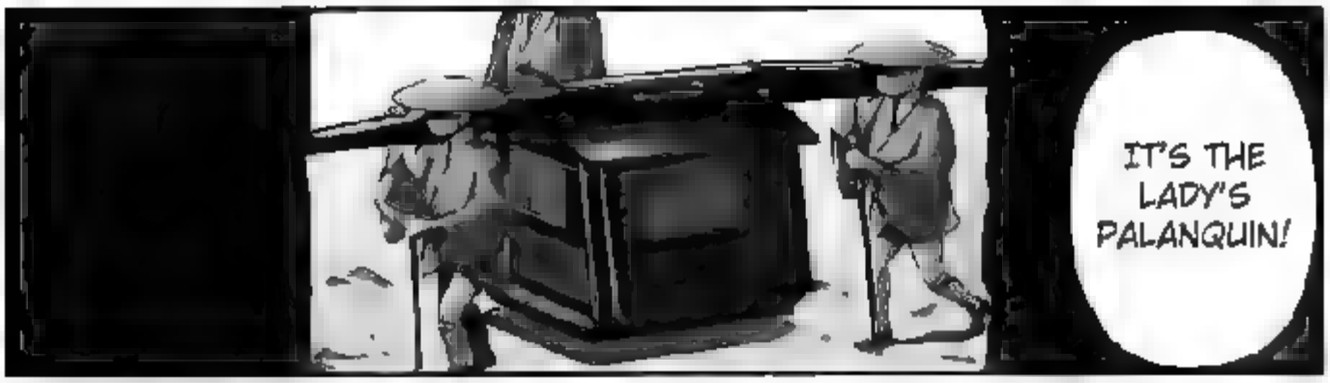
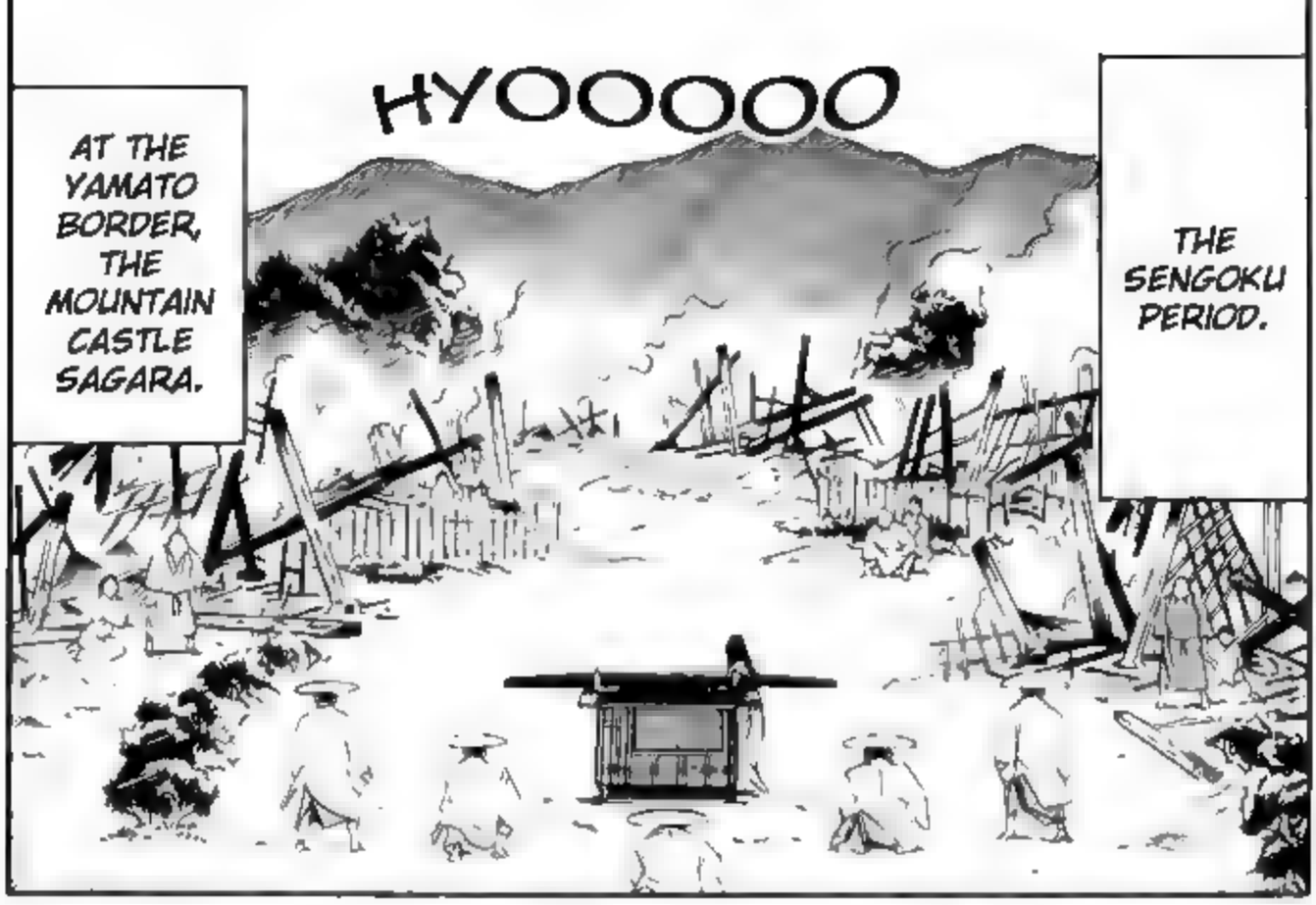
ENTRY

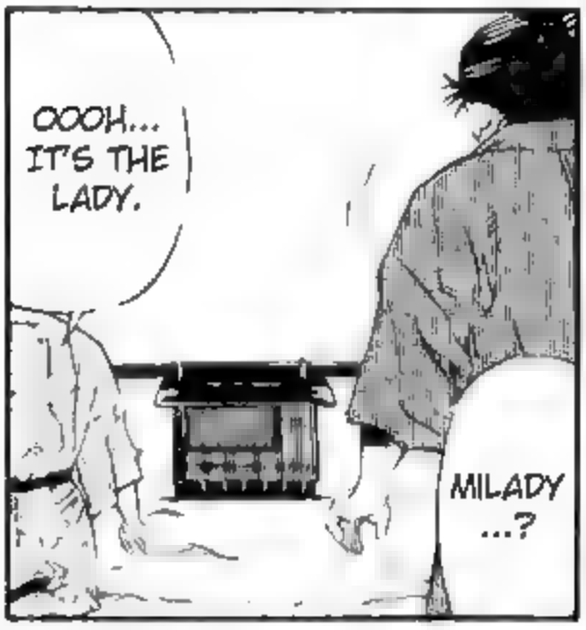

IT'S THE LADY'S PALANQUIN!

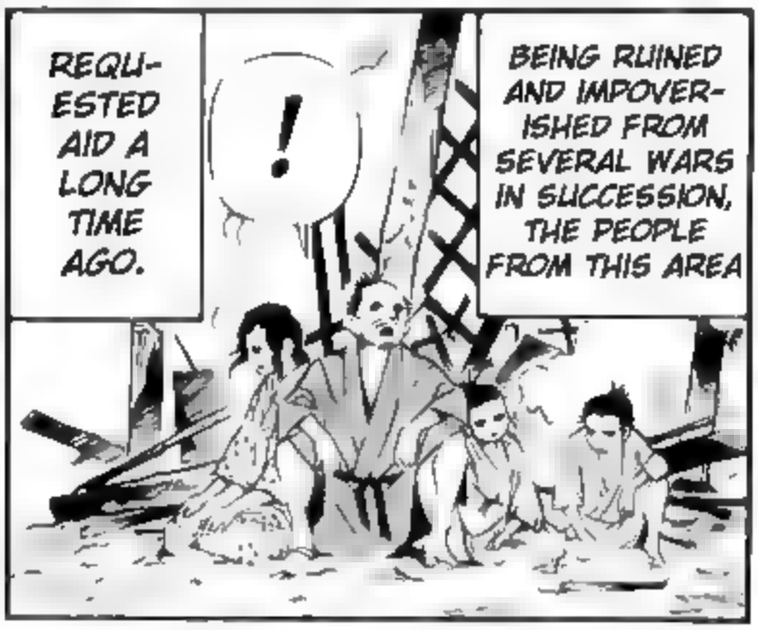
EH?! ALREADY ?!
NOW, AS WE HAVE PRACTICED.
GOT IT.

NOW COME, TO THE AUDIANCE WITH MILORD'S BRIDE!
THE HOUSE REVIVAL IS FINALLY AT HAND!
PLE-ASE PRE-PARE YOUR-SELF!
AH ...
WAI-WAIT!

UM... I'M NOT...
MY HEART ISN'T READY ...


HYOOOOO
AT THE YAMATO BORDER, THE MOUNTAIN CASTLE SAGARA.
THE SENGOKU PERIOD.


OOOH... IT'S THE LADY.
MILADY ...?

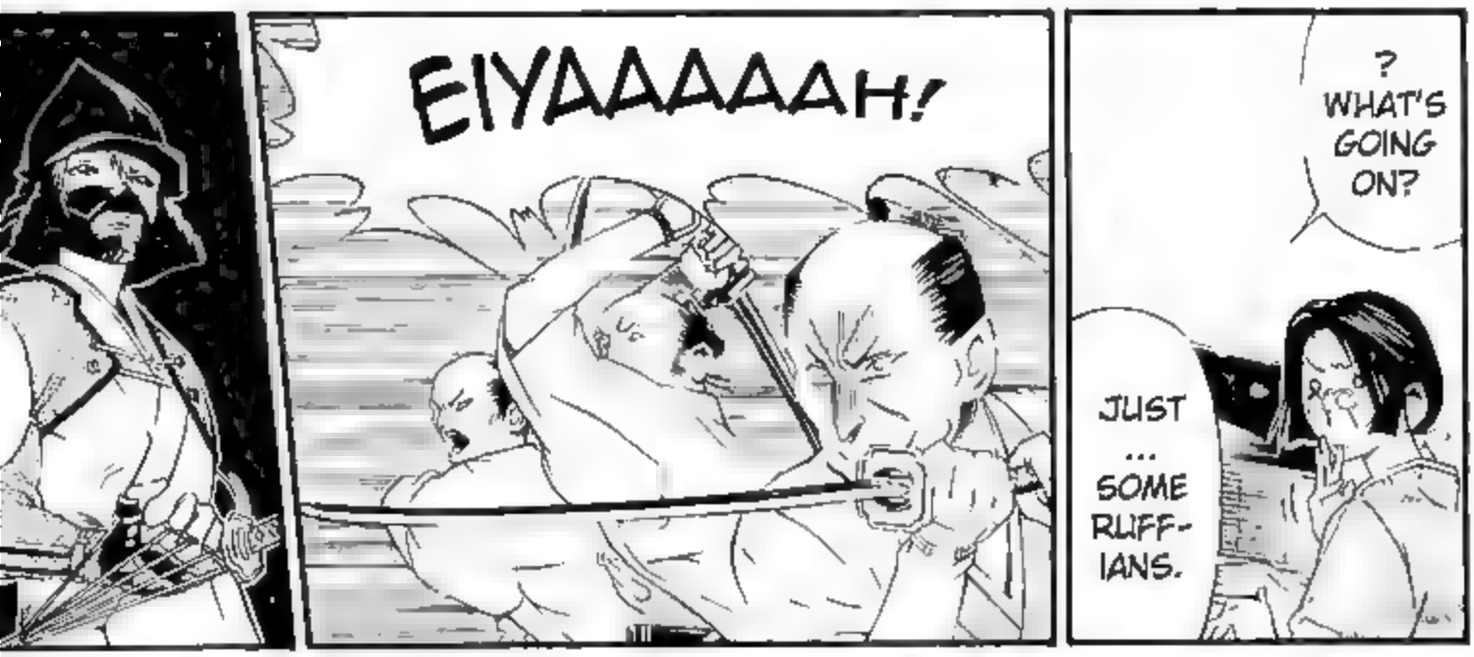

REQUESTED AID A LONG TIME AGO.
!
BEING RUINED AND IMPOVERISHED FROM SEVERAL WARS IN SUCCESSION, THE PEOPLE FROM THIS AREA

"
HOLD IT!
"
LET US---

THEN, MILADY.

"OVER THERE I SEE THE YOUNG DAUGHTER OF THE LORD OF SAGARA, KABURAGI!"
"WE ARE THE GROUP OF BRIGANDS KNOWN AS 'SHIZAN KETSUGA'!!"
MOUNTAIN OF CORPSES, RIVERS OF BLOOD
"WE SHALL HELP OUR-SELVES TO YOUR LADY-SHIP!"
FLAP
SHIZAN KETSUGA
ZA ZA ZA ZA
WHA ...
WHA — T?!

WE WON'T ALLOW YOU TO LAY A FINGER ON HER LADYSHIP!
KIING
SHING
KASHING
KNOW YOUR PLACE, WORMS ...


EIYAAAAAH!
? WHAT'S GOING ON?
JUST ... SOME RUFF-IANS.

SNAP

AH-
BUWAH

GLANCE
合神体!!!
SHINTAIGOU!!!

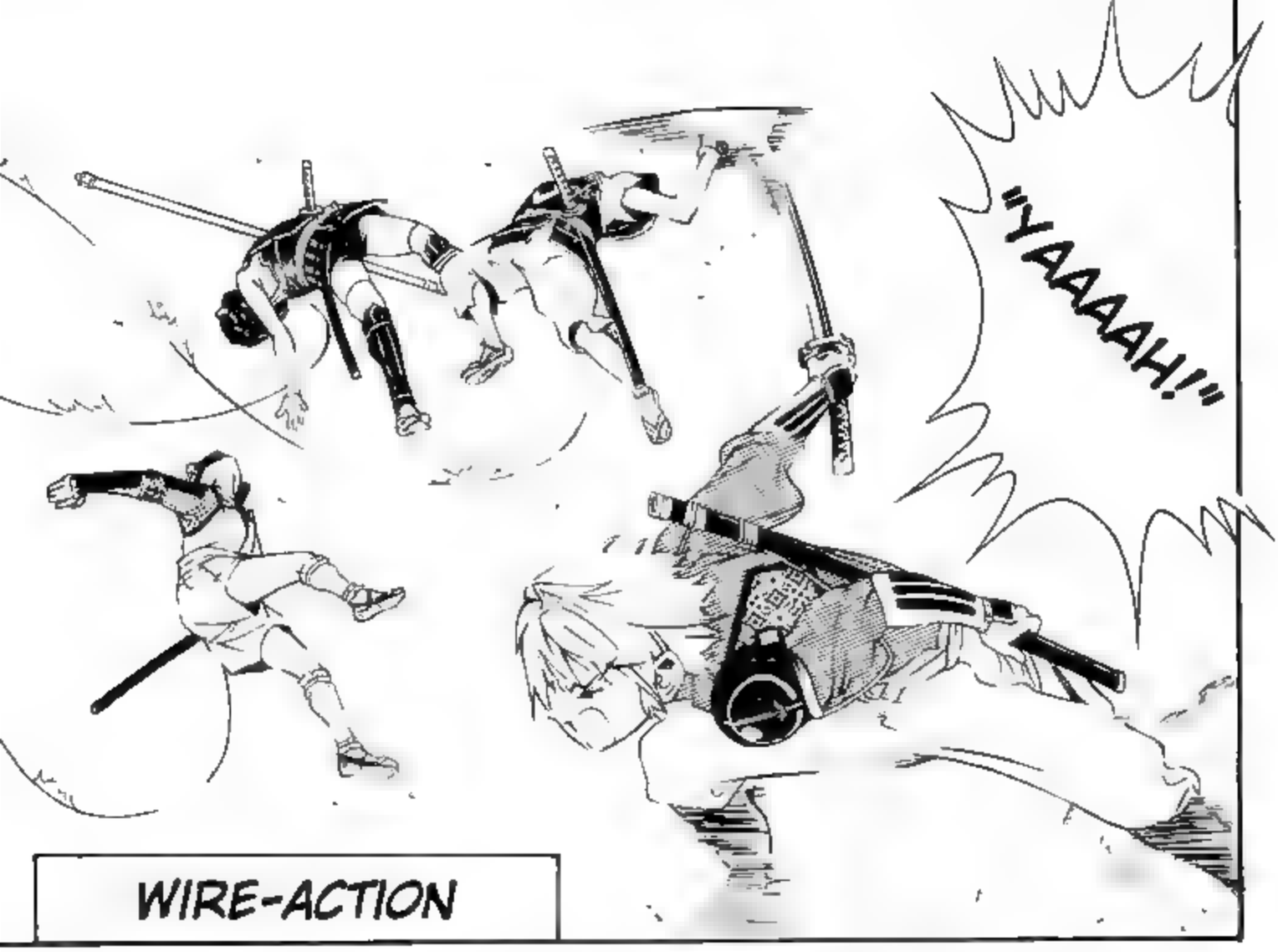
IF YOU DO, THEN MILORDS ACT AFTERWARDS WILL HAVE THAT MUCH MORE IMPACT.
LISTEN, KAGARI. DEFEAT THE GUARDS IN AS SHOWY A FASHION AS YOU CAN.

THIS IS NOT GOOD, MILADY!
PLEASE, YOU MUST FLEE!
? WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE... THE GUARDS WERE ALL DEFEATED ...
KSH
KSH
KSH
KSH
AAAAARGH
WE WILL CALL THIS THE "PRINCE ON A WHITE HORSE" PLAN!
UWAAAAAH

"HOLD!"

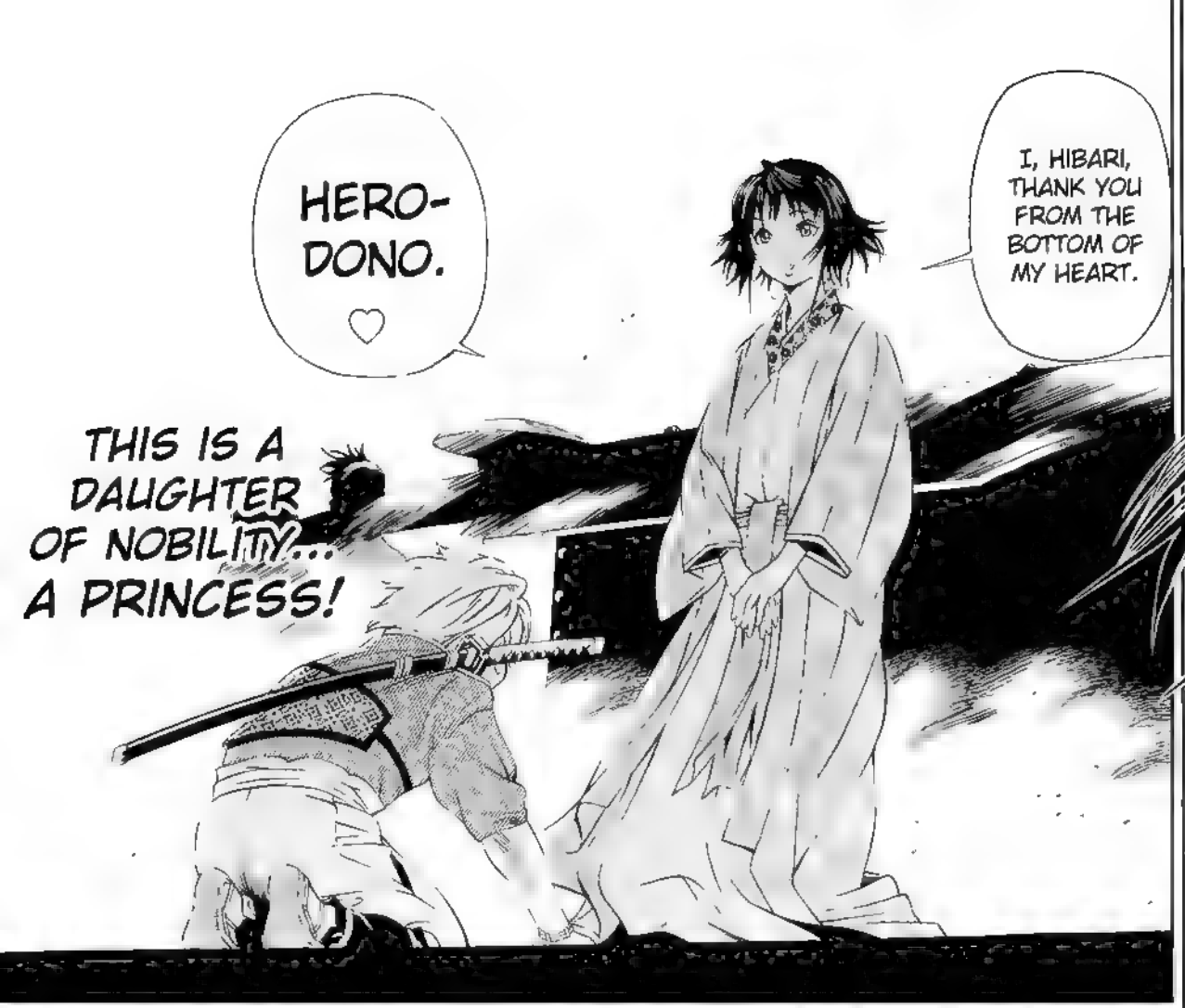
SKSSSSHHHHH

"NEVER SHALL A LADY'S PLIGHT BE IGNORED, THUS I HAVE COME!"
"I AM THE LAST OF THE NOBLE FAMILY OF KATANA, RULERS OF TSUKIGASE! MY NAME IS RAIZOU KATANA!"
WHADDYA KNOW... HE CAN COME THROUGH WHEN IT COUNTS.
MILORD... SO GALLANT! ♡
WELL SAID, MILORD!
"WHILE I AM NO WARRIOR OF RENOWN, THIS IS A BATTLE I WILL NOT LOSE!"
IT SEEMS A WARRIOR OF SOME KIND HAS APPEARED ...
? WHAT'S GOING ON?
PULL
DASH
"HERE I COME!"


"YAAAAH!"
WIRE-ACTION

SLUMP
"THE BRI-GANDS HAVE RECIEVED THEIR JUST REWARD, MILADY."

RAISE YOUR HEAD.
DOKI
DOKI
TRULY LIKE A SPLENDID MAN OF VALOUR.
DOKI
DOKI
YOU, ALONE, DEFEATED THE BRIGANDS WHOM MY GUARDS COULD NOT EVEN COMPETE WITH?


HERO-
DONO.
♡
I, HIBARI, THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
THIS IS A DAUGHTER OF NOBILITY... A PRINCESS!

HEY, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
PLAN, SUCCESS!
GRRRRR

I NEVER THOUGHT SHE'D BE SO BEAUTIFUL.
IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING A PRINCESS IN THE FLESH.
I-I-I-IT WAS N-N-N-N ...

I SEE! YOU SAVED MILADY'S LIFE!
SAG-ARA, THE RESI-DENCE CASTLE OF KABU-RAGI.

IN THE END, THE VILLAINS RAN AWAY, I DESERVE NO PRAISE.
NONO, THAT'S NOT...!
ALLOW ME, IWAMI GONZA, THANK YOU IN PLACE OF MY LORD.
LOOKS LIKE THEY REALLY TRUST ME...

"PLEASE, NO SUCH THING IS NEEDED!"
IT ISN'T MUCH, BUT LET ME OFFER YOU A REWARD ...

MILORD IS BEDRIDDEN FROM ILLNESS AND OLD AGE AND HIS DAUGHTER WHO IS STILL YOUNG IS HIS ONLY CHILD.
SHOULD ANYTHING HAPPEN, THIS COUNTRY COULD VERY WELL CRUMBLE COMP-LETELY.
IT SHAMES ME TO ADMIT BUT, THE PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTRY ARE VERY UNEASY AT THE MOMENT.

THANKS TO THAT DRAMA EARLIER, I'VE GOTTEN INTO THE CASTLE. SO FAR, EVERY-THING IS GOING LIKE KISARABI-SAN PLANNED.
NOW !!
NOW, THE REST DEPENDS ON ME...

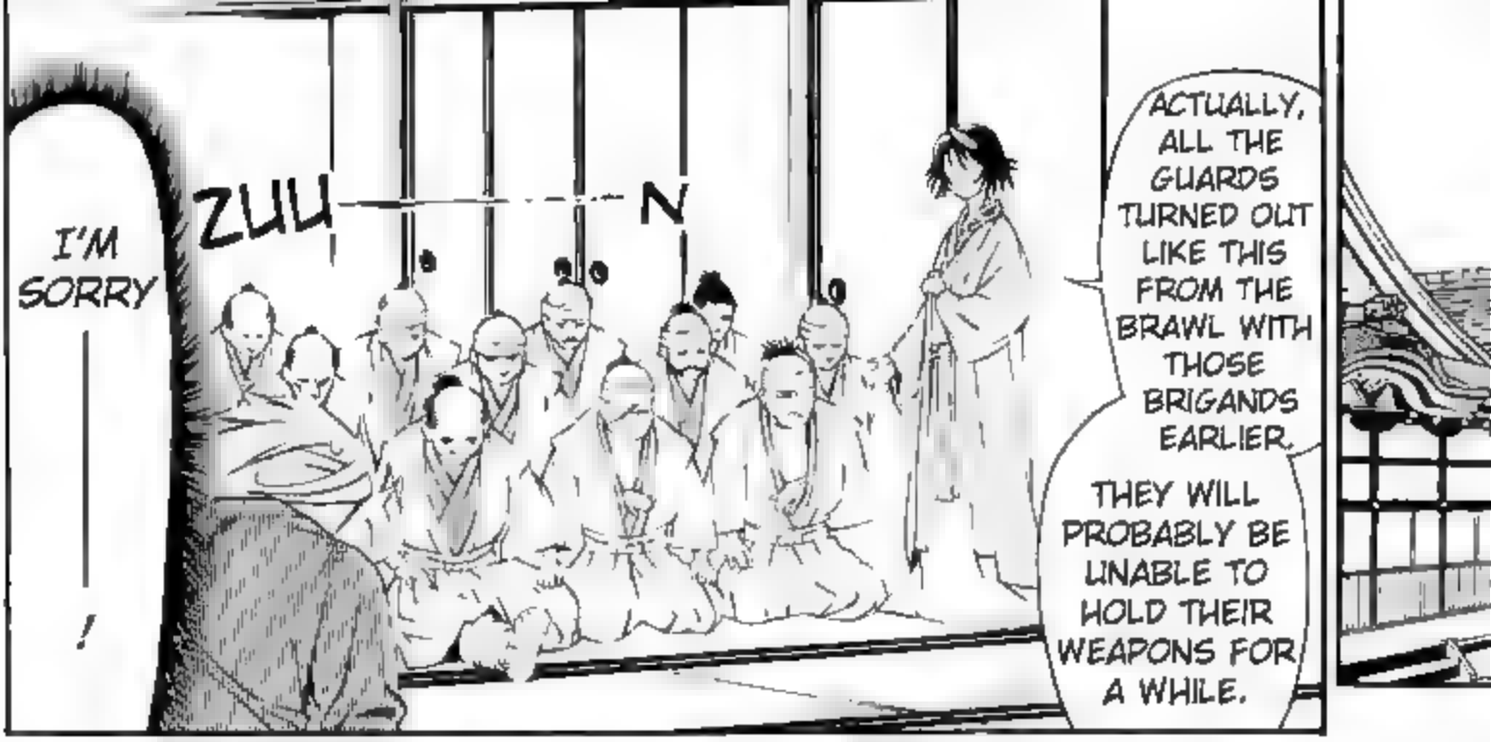
"IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE TO ENTER THE SERVICE OF THE KABURAGI HOUSEHOLD, EVEN THE LOWEST POSITION IS FINE!"
"BUT, TRUTH BE TOLD, I AM LITTLE MORE THAN A VAGRANT."

...
MILADY!

DOKI
DOKI

EH ?!
MERCENARIES REQUIRE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM SOMEONE INSIDE OF THE CASTLE TO ENTER INTO SERVICE.

IF YOU WISH FOR A RECOMMENDATION, THEN YOU CAN HAVE ONE OF THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE!
THAT WON'T DO, IWAMI-DONO!


I'M SORRY——!
ZUU——N
ACTUALLY, ALL THE GUARDS TURNED OUT LIKE THIS FROM THE BRAWL WITH THOSE BRIGANDS EARLIER.
THEY WILL PROBABLY BE UNABLE TO HOLD THEIR WEAPONS FOR A WHILE.

WE'RE AT WAR RIGHT NOW, SO MOST OF MY GUARD HAS LEFT FOR THE FRONTLINES.
THEREFORE, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE RAIZOU-DONO MY BODYGUARD.

THAT LOOK ...

I'M AGAINST THIS. MILADY IS VERY POPULAR, YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.

THIS HAS UNFOLDED BETTER THAN I COULD HAVE HOPED, BUT ...
THE LADY'S BODYGUARD? ... I NEVER CONSIDERED THIS!

ARE YOU... DISSATISFIED?
NO! IT'S MORE THAN I HOPED FOR!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I WENT ALONG WITH THIS PLAN!
. . . . .
THOSE EYES, COMPLETELY WITHOUT DOUBT THAT I AM HER SAVIOR ...
EVEN IF IT'S FOR MY HOUSE REVIVAL, IS IT REALLY FINE TO DECIEVE SUCH A GOOD-HEARTED GIRL?!
FOOM
I CAN'T! MILADY, TRUTH BE TOL-
WHAM
THEN, I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU.
HERO-DONO. ♡

OUR LORD MIGHT BE YOUNG BUT HE IS A BRAVE MAN VERSED IN THE MILITARY ARTS!
HE WILL MOST DEFINATELY LAY DOWN HIS LIFE TO LIVE UP TO MILADY'S EXPECT-ATIONS!
ZA
THANK YOU, MILADY!
A MORTUARY TABLET...?

WE... ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION HERE-OF RAIZOU AFTER, KATANA. LET US BECOME ACQU-AINTED!
OH, WE MUST SEEM SUSPIC-IOUS!
WHO MIGHT YOU BE?

IS THAT SO?
THEN, WELCOME, ALL OF YOU, TO SAGARA!

...WHEN I THINK ABOUT DECIEVING SUCH A KIND PERSON
MY CONSCIENCE ACHES, I CAN'T STAND IT...
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?!
THANKFULLY, YOUR HONORABLE MOTHER STOPPED YOU IN TIME!
OTHER-WISE, ALL OUR HARD WORK WOULD HAVE AMOUNTED TO NOTHING!

OUR DEAREST WISH IS THE REVIVAL OF MILORD'S HOUSE!
FOR THAT, MARRYING INTO A FAMILY OF HIGH STANDING AND BORROW THEIR MILITARY MIGHT IS THE BEST WAY!
DON'T LOSE TO SOME-THING LIKE YOUR CONS-CIENCE NOW!

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PFH
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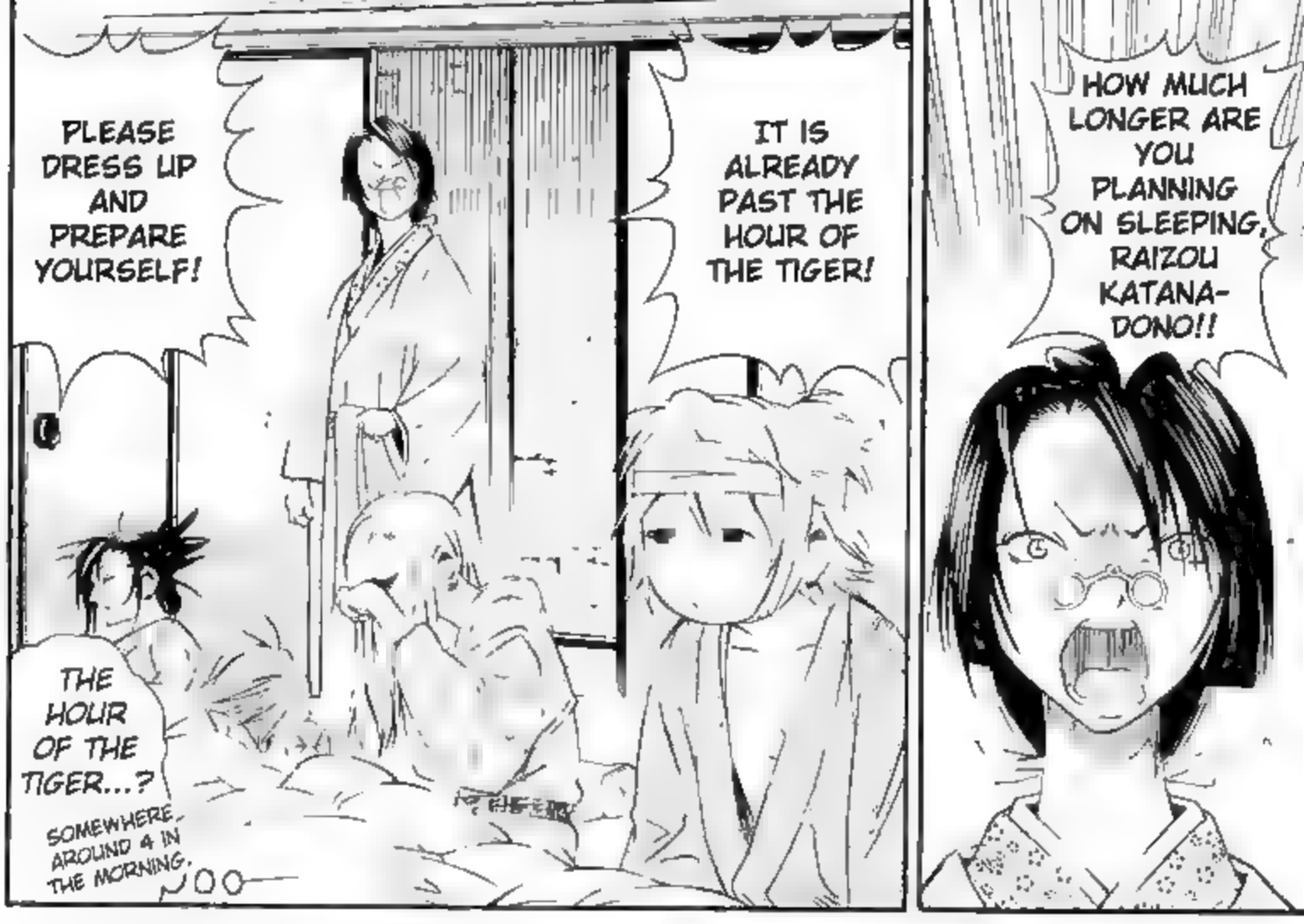
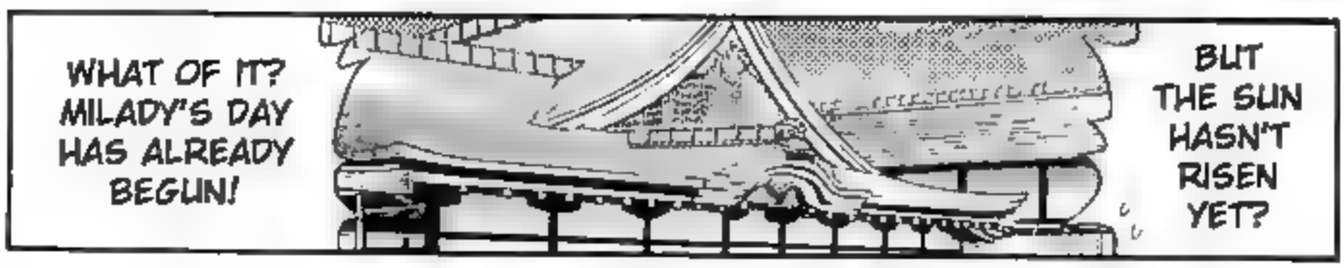
I'LL DO IT, I'LL DO IT ...
THAT IS WHY WE PER-FORMED THAT HUGE THEATRE BEFORE ...


PLEASE DRESS UP AND PREPARE YOURSELF!
IT IS ALREADY PAST THE HOUR OF THE TIGER!
HOW MUCH LONGER ARE YOU PLANNING ON SLEEPING, RAIZOU KATANA-DONO!!
THE HOUR OF THE TIGER...?
SOMEWHERE AROUND 4 IN THE MORNING.


WHAT OF IT? MILADY'S DAY HAS ALREADY BEGUN!
BUT THE SUN HASN'T RISEN YET?

THANK YOU.
THEN, I SHALL READ THE SCHEDULE FOR TODAY.

IN THE LATER PART OF THE HOUR OF THE SERPENT, WE SHALL HAVE TO INSPECT THE DOMAINS.
ALL THAT IN ONE DAY...?!
IN FIRST PART OF THE HOUR OF THE SERPENT, THERE IS THE RICE-PLANTING FESTIVAL IN THE VILLAGE.
SERPENT: 10 TO 12 AM
IN THE HOUR OF THE DRAGON, WE WILL BE RAISING THE RIDGEPOLE IN THE MANSION TO THE NORTH.
DRAGON: 8 TO 10 AM
IN THE HOUR OF THE HARE, THERE IS THE CEREMONY FOR THE SOLDIERS DEPARTING FOR THE FRONTLINE IN THE OUTER CITADEL.
HARE: 6 TO 8 AM
Y-YES!
RAIZOU.
LET US BE OFF
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR

PLEASE... FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR COUNTRY, AND FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR FAMILIES. BATTLE, AND RETURN TO US!
HIBARI-SAMA!
IT IS... MORE THAN WE DE-SERVE ...
OOO... MILADY!
THE LADY HAS COME TO EN-COURAGE US!
I AM ALWAYS PRAYING FOR YOUR VICTORY AND SAFETY.
GO, WITH THE DIVINE PROTECTION OF MARISHITEN!
OOOOOOOH!!!
WHAT THE... WHAT'S THIS... ATMOSPHERE?!
OOOOO
HI! BA! RI!
HI! BA! RI!
OOO

HOUR OF THE SERPENT, RICE-PLANTING FESTIVAL.
MILADY! YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T!
SUCH A MENIAL TASK...!
PLEASE! I WISH TO HELP!
THANK YOU, SO MUCH!
NOW WE'RE SURE TO HAVE A RICH HARVEST THIS YEAR TOO!
INSPECTION OF DOMAINS.
MILADY!
HIBARI-SAMA——!
THANK YOU!
PLEASE, EVERYONE!
IT'S DANGEROUS, SO PLEASE DON'T PUSH!
A UNIFORM COAT ...

WE MUST ... ENDURE ...
ON TOP OF ALL THAT, EVERYWHERE WE WENT TURNED INTO A FESTIVAL...
WHAT A PACKED AGENDA...
HOUR OF THE DOG, RETURN TO THE CASTLE.
IS THIS THE POWER OF A PRINCESS ...?
SHE'S NOT EVEN BREATH-ING HARD ...
SU
!
MILADY MUST BE EXHAU-STED THOUGH ...
NO, NOT AT ALL.
ARE YOU TIRED, RAI-ZOU?

I... SEE...
EVER SINCE FATHER WAS BED-RIDDEN, IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS.
I'VE ACCEPTED THIS AS A DESTINY, OF SORTS.
I AM USED TO IT.
HERO-DONO. ♡
I'M COUNTING ON YOU TOMORROW TOO.
SLAM
ONE WEEK LATER.
HUUURRH

MILADY! TONIGHT YOU MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE BONFIRE FESTIVAL TO PRAY FOR VICTORY!
SOME DISTINGUISHED FAMILIES WILL BE WATCHING AS WELL, SO PLEASE PUT PLENTY OF SPIRIT INTO IT!
...SHE'S A MONSTER!
AT THIS RATE, I'M LIKELY TO BURN OUT BEFORE I CAN GET CLOSER TO THE LADY.
OVER AND OVER AGAIN, THAT INHUMAN SCHEDULE ...
...I UNDERSTAND.
I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU, RAIZOU-DONO!
DON DON
AAH--, SO BUSY---

I CAN'T DO THAT.
I THINK... MILORD SHOULD USE THIS OPPOR-TUNITY TO REST A LITTLE...
ARE YOU WELL, MILORD?
KAGARI-DONO...
MILADY IS STILL WORKING HARD. I, AS HER BODYGUARD, CAN'T REST NOW.
BUT!
IMPOSSIBLE, MILADY IS STILL-
I'M JUST WORRIED FOR MILORD'S HEALTH!
THE NOBLES EAT THE BEST FOODS EVERYDAY, SO THEIR PHYSIQUE IS DIFFERENT FROM US!
OTHERWISE, THEY WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO HANDLE THAT TOUGH AGENDA!
IF MILORD CONTINUES TO ASSOCIATE WITH SUCH PEOPLE, YOUR BODY WILL-
RAAAAR
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE PRIN-CESS——!
EEEH ?!
DO NOT LOSE YOUR HEAD!

THEN, MILORD, WE SHALL BE TAKING CARE OF THE SECURITY AT THE BONFIRE GROUNDS!
Y-YES, THANK YOU...
I WONDER IF SHE HEARD THE CONVER-SATION JUST NOW...
.... MILADY.
MILADY?
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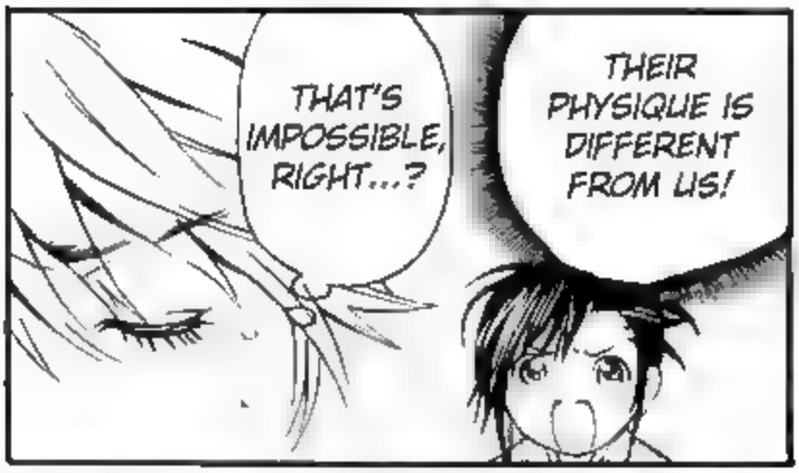
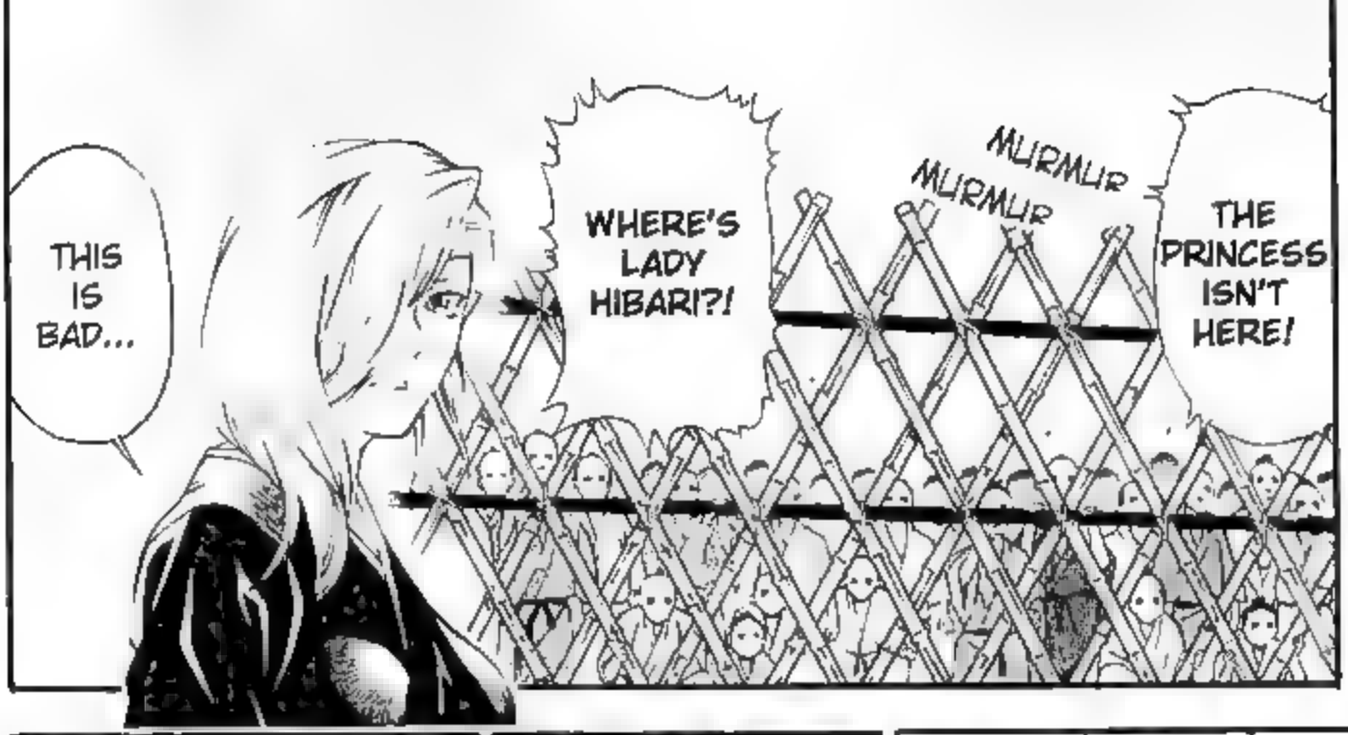
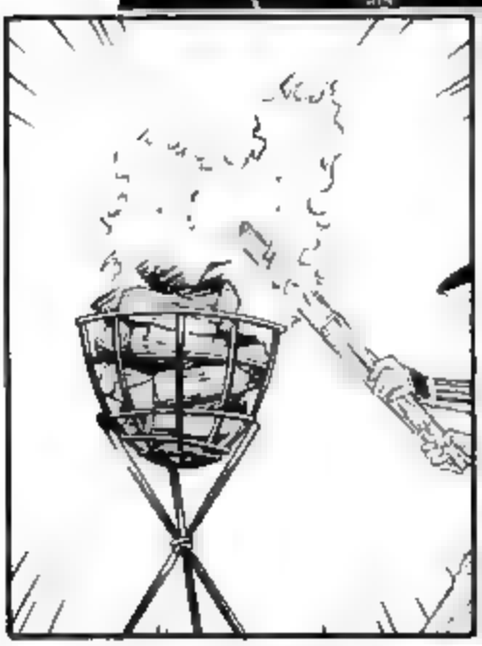

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, RIGHT...?
THEIR PHYSIQUE IS DIFFERENT FROM US!

TODAY SHE'S EVEN FEVER-ISH...
AT THAT TIME WHEN I TOOK HER HAND, SHE WAS ALREADY SHAKING FROM EXHAUS-TION...

I'M USED TO IT.
FWOOSH
THE BONFIRE IS ABOUT TO BE LIT ...
IT'S TIME.
SIT


THIS IS BAD...
WHERE'S LADY HIBARI?!
MURMUR MURMUR
THE PRINCESS ISN'T HERE!



THE UPPER-CLASS VIEWERS ARE STARTING TO MAKE A SCENE...
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PRINCESS? IT'S TIME ALREADY...
THE COMMONERS TOO.

THE SMELL OF GUNPOWDER ...?!

WHERE IS LADY HIBARI?!
GO
GO
GO
GO
TELL ME
RAIZOU-DONO.

I... I WONDER...
TELL ME TRUTH-FULLY, WHERE IS MILADY?
SHE DID NOT, AND NO ONE HAS SEEN HER EITHER.
LIKE I SAID, SHE HAS ALREADY GONE TOWAR-DS...
ZZ?

DOSCH

OR, ARE YOU PLAN-NING ON
KILLING MILADY?

WHAT?!
ISN'T MILADY'S HEALTH EVEN MORE CRUCIAL TO THE HOUSE-HOLD?
AS HER BODY-GUARD, I CAN'T ALLOW IT!

I KNEW IT, SHE'S STILL IN THE PALANQUIN! HURRY UP AND WAKE HER!
I'M ALREADY WELL-AWARE! BUT TODAY IS CRUCIAL FOR THE HOUSE-HOLD!
WELL, TRUTH IS, MILADY'S CONDI-TION ISN'T VERY GOOD RIGHT NOW...

BOOOM

SOMEONE IS PLANNING
TO KILL MILADY!
完
ENTRY. END.

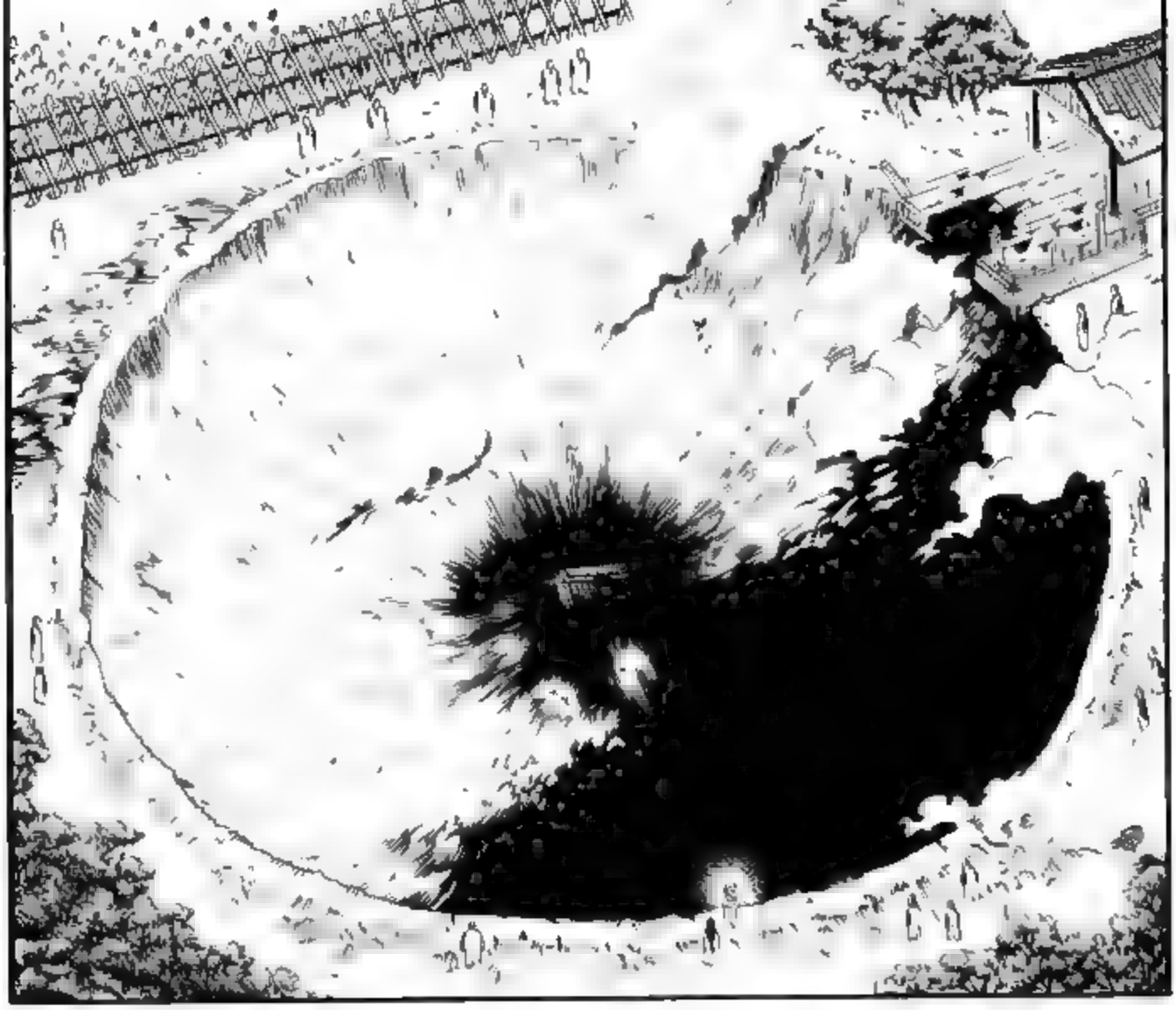
WHAT IS GOING ON, RAI-ZOU?
THE STAGE ?!

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN!

RAPPIRANGAL

SOMEONE IS...
TAR-GETING THE PRIN-CESS!

RAIZOU ?!
!
THE STAGE IS WHERE THE UPPER-CLASS PEOPLE ARE!
OH NO!
DAMN!
KAGARI-DONO AND THE OTHERS WERE AT THE STAGE TOO!
MILADY, FOR-GIVE ME!



KA...
KAGARI-
DONO...

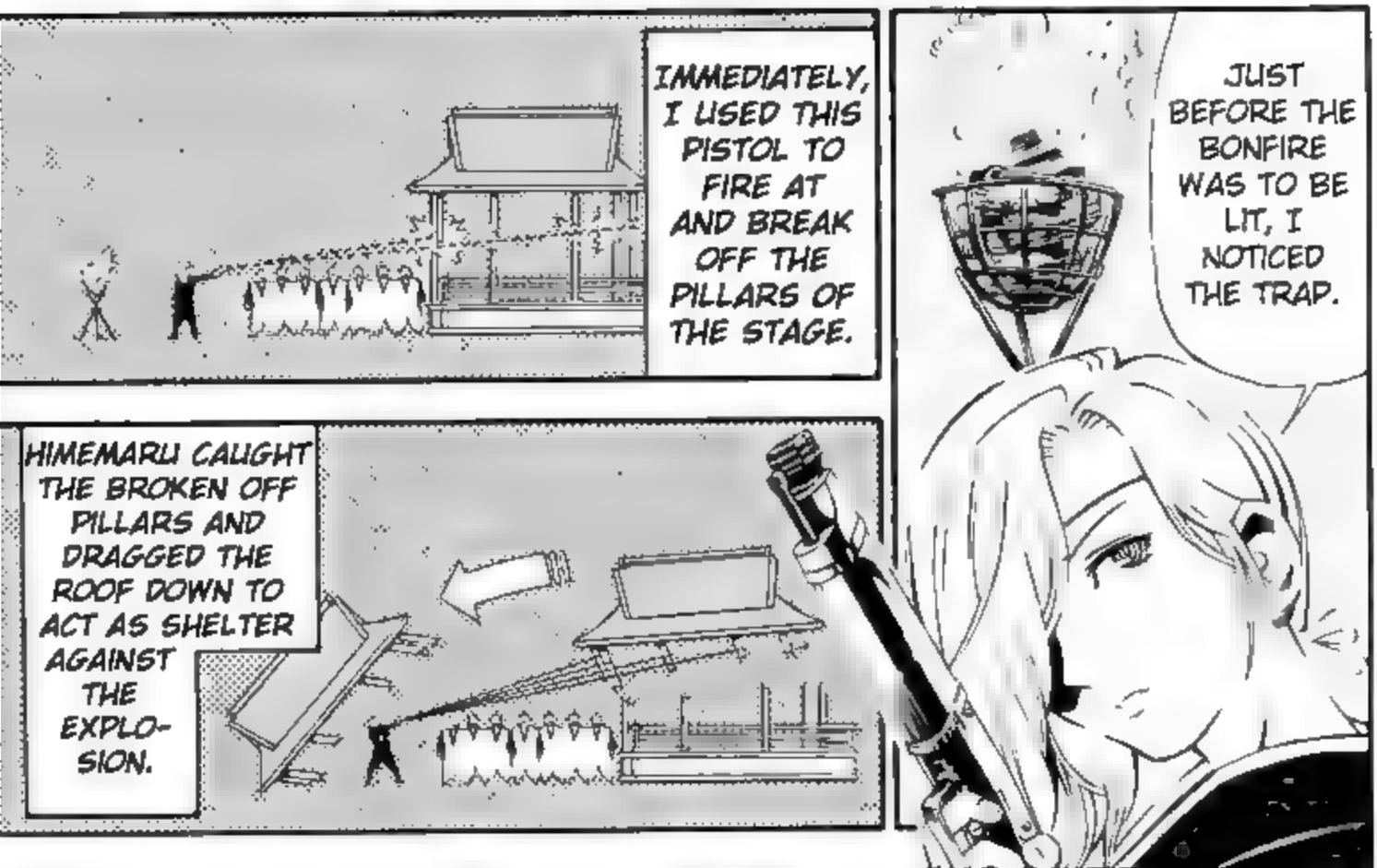
SHIN
...

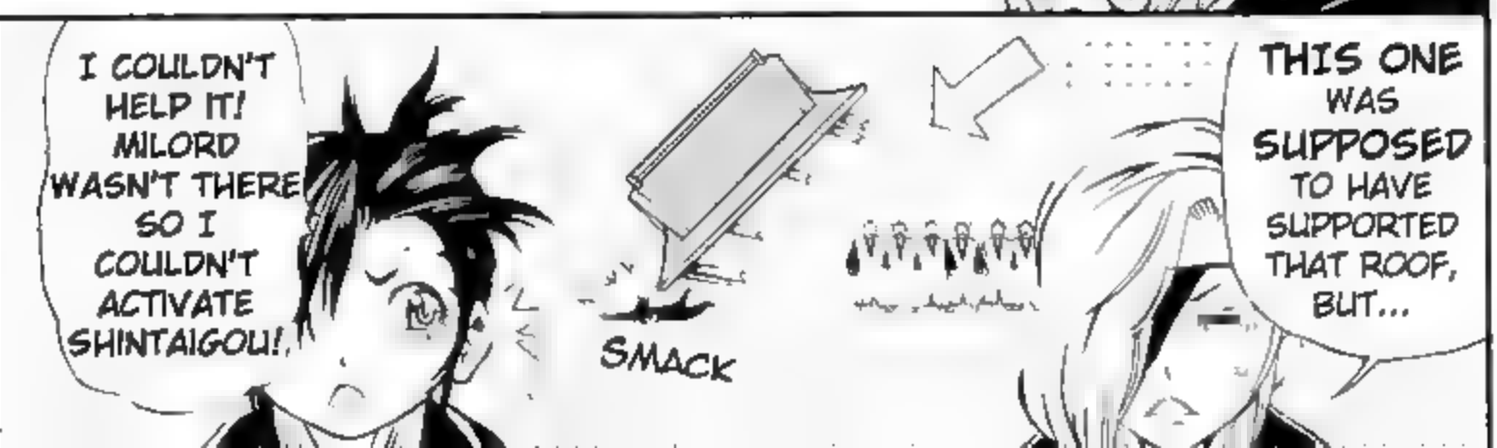
TAI
...
GOU!
KRRSSHHH

HIME-
MARU-
DONO!
KISARABI-
SAN!
KAGARI
DONOOO
!

KEMARI

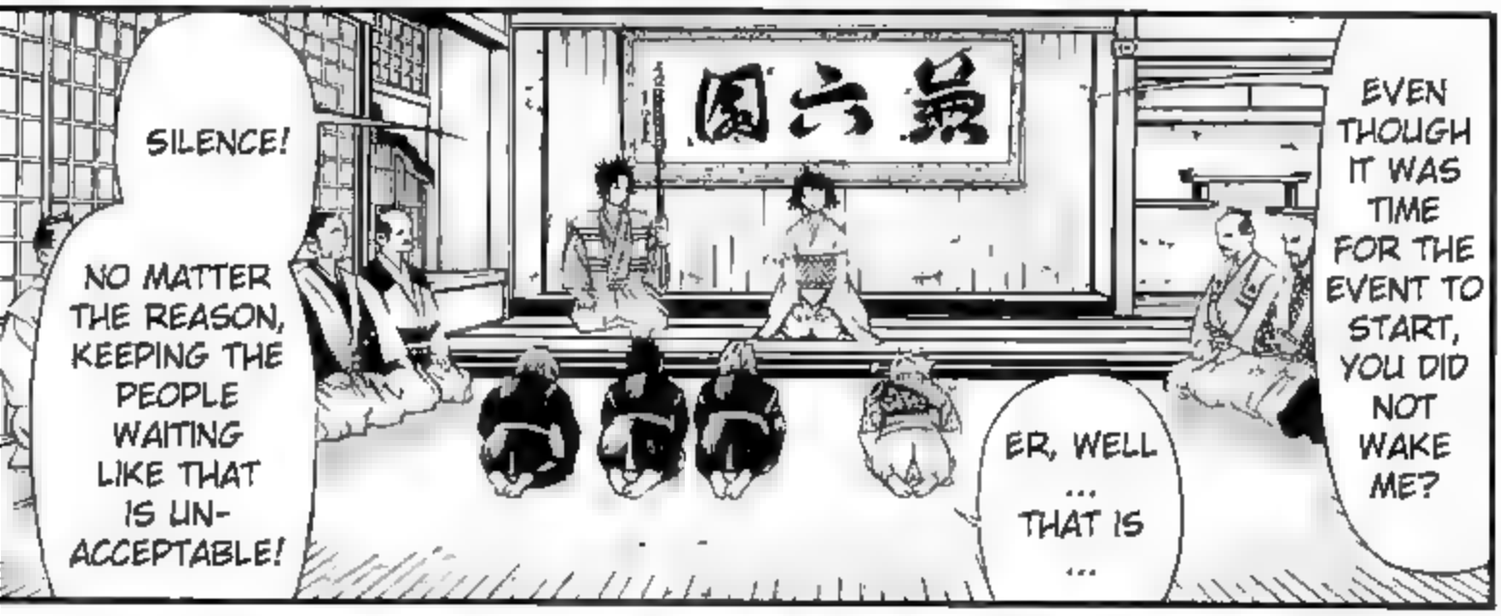
YES... AND ALL THE OTHERS ARE SAFE TOO.
ARE YOU ALL ALRIGHT ?!


IMMEDIATELY, I USED THIS PISTOL TO FIRE AT AND BREAK OFF THE PILLARS OF THE STAGE.
JUST BEFORE THE BONFIRE WAS TO BE LIT, I NOTICED THE TRAP.
HIMEMARU CAUGHT THE BROKEN OFF PILLARS AND DRAGGED THE ROOF DOWN TO ACT AS SHELTER AGAINST THE EXPLO-SION.


I COULDN'T HELP IT! MILORD WASN'T THERE SO I COULDN'T ACTIVATE SHINTAIGOU!
SMACK
THIS ONE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE SUPPORTED THAT ROOF, BUT...

MI-LADY, YOU ARE SAFE ?!
OOOH, MILADY!
WHAT HAS HAPPENED HERE?!
IT'S DAN-GER-OUS HERE!
MILADY! YOU MUSTN'T LINGER HERE FOR ANOTHER MOMENT!
THAT WAS THE DOING OF SOMEONE TARGETING MY LIFE.
I SEE
YES! THANK Y-
ALSO, RAIZOU!
IT IS FINE.
KISA-RABI-SAN ...
YES, WITHOUT DOUBT!
THANKS TO YOU, NONE OF THE BY-STANDERS LOST THEIR LIVES!
WELL DONE, KUNOICHI!

YOU FOOL!


SILENCE!
NO MATTER THE REASON, KEEPING THE PEOPLE WAITING LIKE THAT IS UN-ACCEPTABLE!
ER, WELL ... THAT IS ...
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS TIME FOR THE EVENT TO START, YOU DID NOT WAKE ME?

WHAT'S THAT, YOU IDIOT-PRINCESS
!!

SINCE THIS TIME, MY LIFE WAS SAVED BECAUSE OF IT I SHALL OVERLOOK IT
BUT NEXT TIME, I SHALL NOT. IS THAT CLEAR?

YES...
YE...

EXAC-
TLY!
WHA-!
IDIOT?!

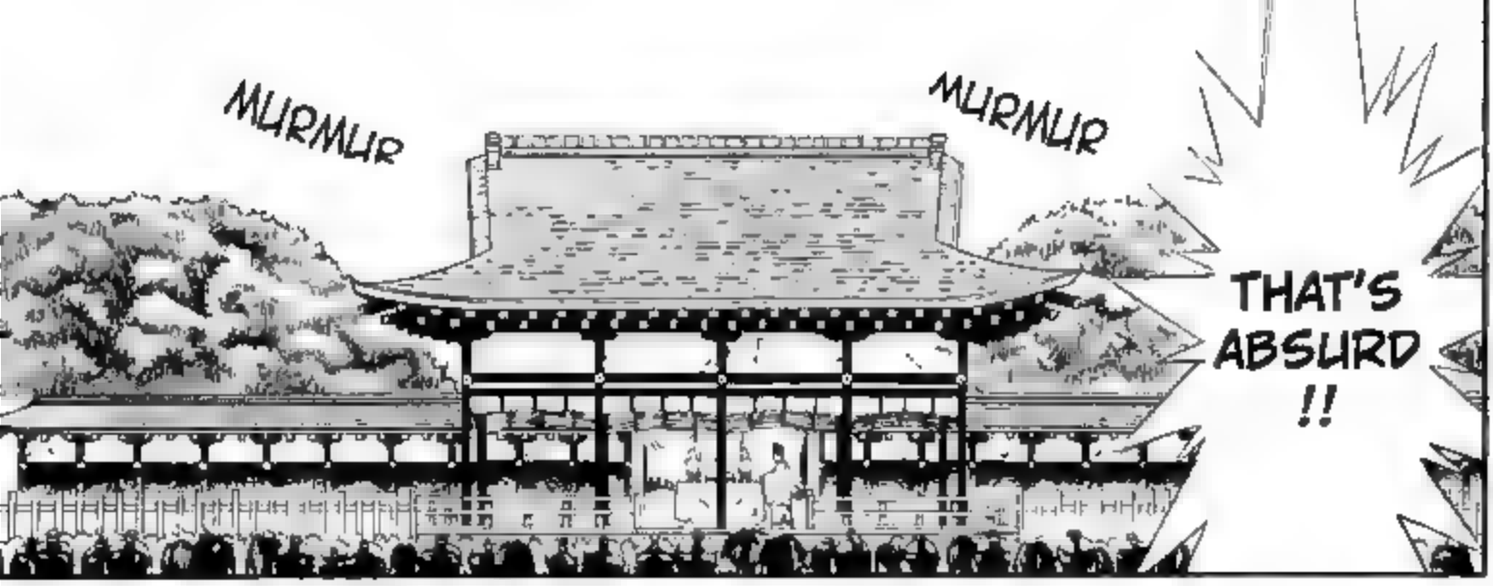
AND FOR YOU TO ONLY REBUKE THAT...!
ONE WHO DOESN'T EVEN CONSIDER THE FEELINGS OF YOUR OWN SERVANTS, AN IDIOT-PRINCESS!
MY LORD DID THAT BECAUSE HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOUR HEALTH!

MILADY, I BEG YOUR FORGIVEN-ESS...
DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD.

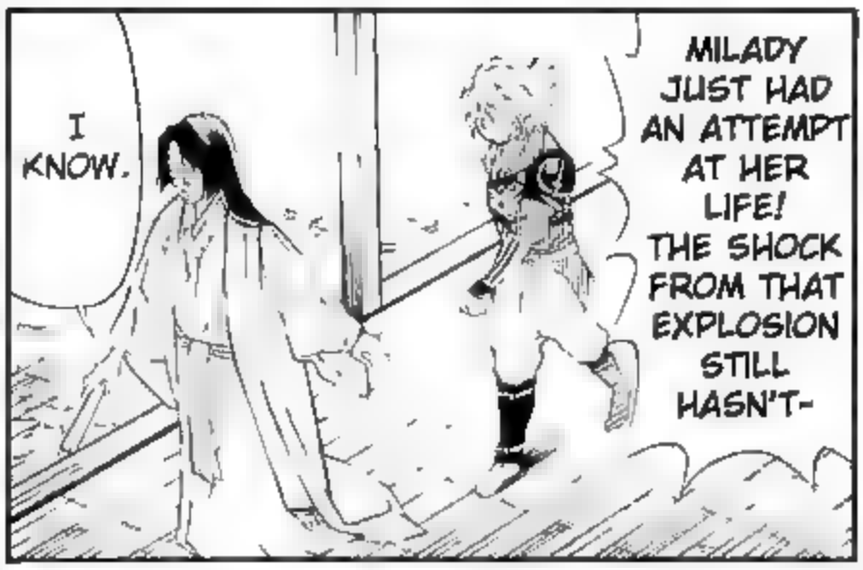
SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
BUT! ISN'T MILORD MORTIFIED?
SAYING SUCH THINGS ...!
YOUR VOICE IS TOO LOUD, KAGARI-DONO ...
I WON'T ACCEPT IT! THAT IDIOT-PRINCESS BASTARD!

I'M QUITE SURE THAT, IN FRONT OF EVERYONE, MILADY HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO SAY THOSE THINGS.
... HUH?
HIBARI.
DO NOT SHOW WEAKNESS IN FRONT OF PEOPLE.
I DON'T UNDER-STAND AT ALL!
IT'S NOT SO HARD TO SWALLOW IF YOU THINK OF IT LIKE THAT...

THAT IS WHY, YOU MUST ALWAYS
ACT PRINCESS-LIKE, AND SMILE AS IF YOU KNOW NOTHING.
WHY, FATHER?
THAT IS BECAUSE WHAT CONCERNS YOU, CONCERNS THE PEOPLE.
THAT IS THE WEIGHT OF A PRINCESS' POSITION.
WE MUST NOT BE LATE FOR THE NEXT APPOINTMENT.
HM? IS SOME-THING THE MAT-TER?
MILADY, THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE.
SMILE
NOOOOO, NOT AT ALL.
BUT IT IS TIME FOR US TO BE OFF.


MURMUR
MURMUR
THAT'S ABSURD !!

THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR MILADY FOR THE COMING YEAR!
IF WE KEEP PILING UP SMALL DELAYS, IN THE END, WE'LL BE INVITING A CATASTROPHE!
IF ONE IS BELATED, THE NEXT ONE GETS PUSHED BEHIND!


I KNOW.
MILADY JUST HAD AN ATTEMPT AT HER LIFE! THE SHOCK FROM THAT EXPLOSION STILL HASN'T-

LOOK AT THIS!

I WONDER ... IF THIS IS FINE ...

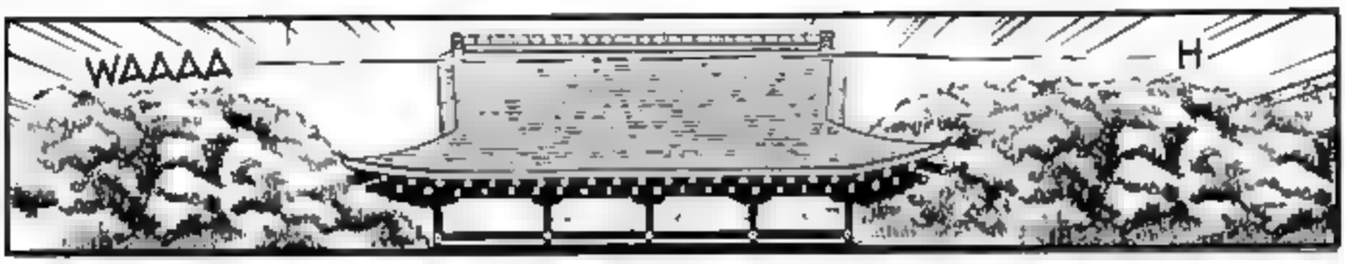
NO OTHER WAY, YOU SAY ...
THERE IS NO OTHER WAY THAN TO HAVE MILADY DO ALL THIS!

SMILE.

THE PEOPLE ARE SOOTHED BY YOUR SMILING FACE.

BE A PRINCESS LIKE THAT.

SMILE.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BUT...
TAK
WHAT ... SPIRIT!
SEE! MILADY DID IT PROPERLY TIL THE END!
HUMPFH
MILADY! PRIN-CESS!

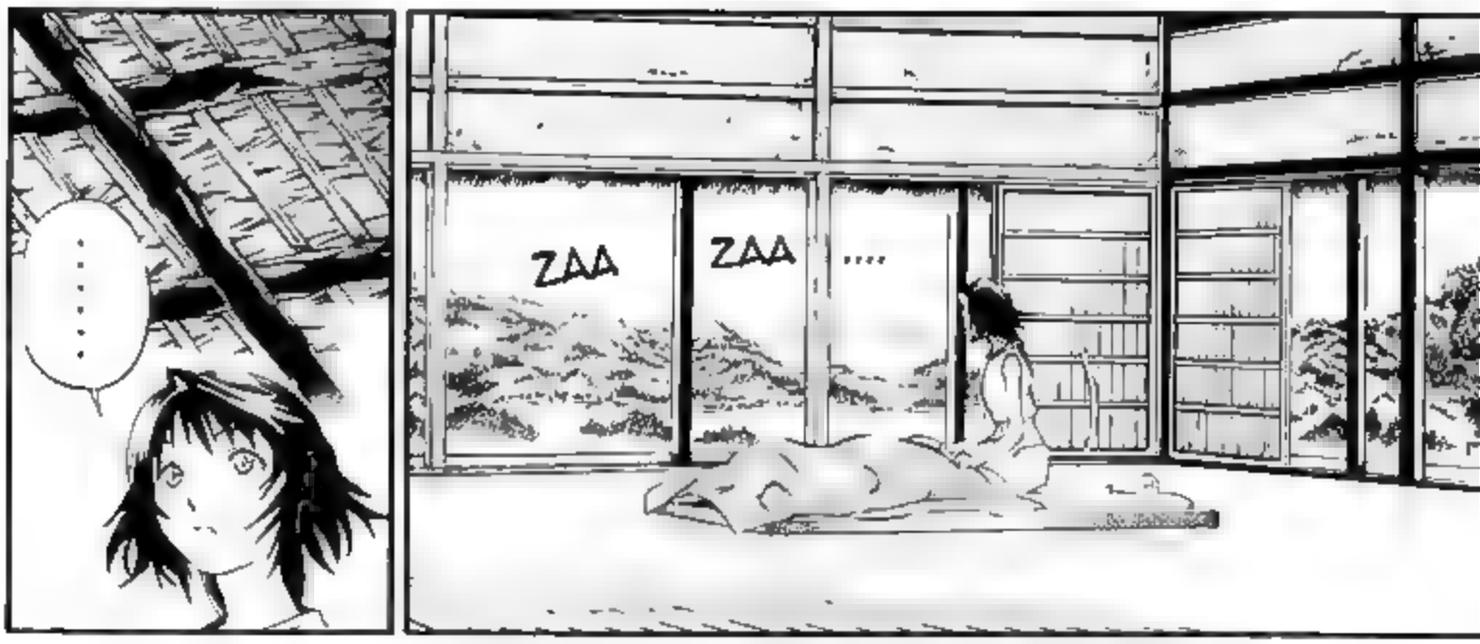
WEEEE
LL
DONE,
MILADY!
WOBBLE
MI-
LADY
?!

SHE CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING OTHER THAN HER DAMNED SCHEDULE!
THAT PERSON IS IMPOS-SIBLE!!
NOW NOW, LET US BE OFF TO THE NEXT APPOIN-TMENT! ♡

IF THAT'S THE CASE!
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT THE KATANA CAN DO!!

THANK YOU.
I HAVE COME TO FETCH YOU, MILADY.
CHIRP CHIRP
THE NEXT MORNING.
I HAVE SENT HIM ON ANOTHER ERRAND. ♡
WHERE COULD RAIZOU-DONO BE AT?
... HMM.
ZAA
HEY-HO!
HEY-HO!

ZA...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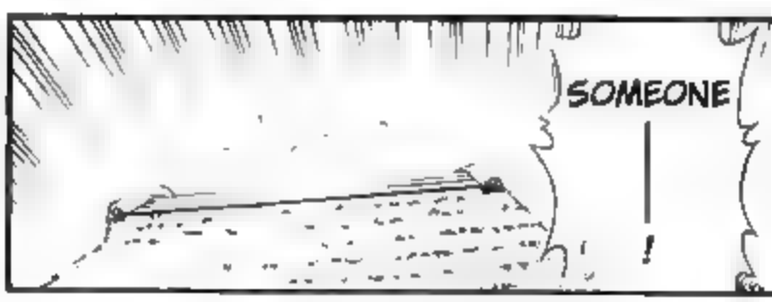
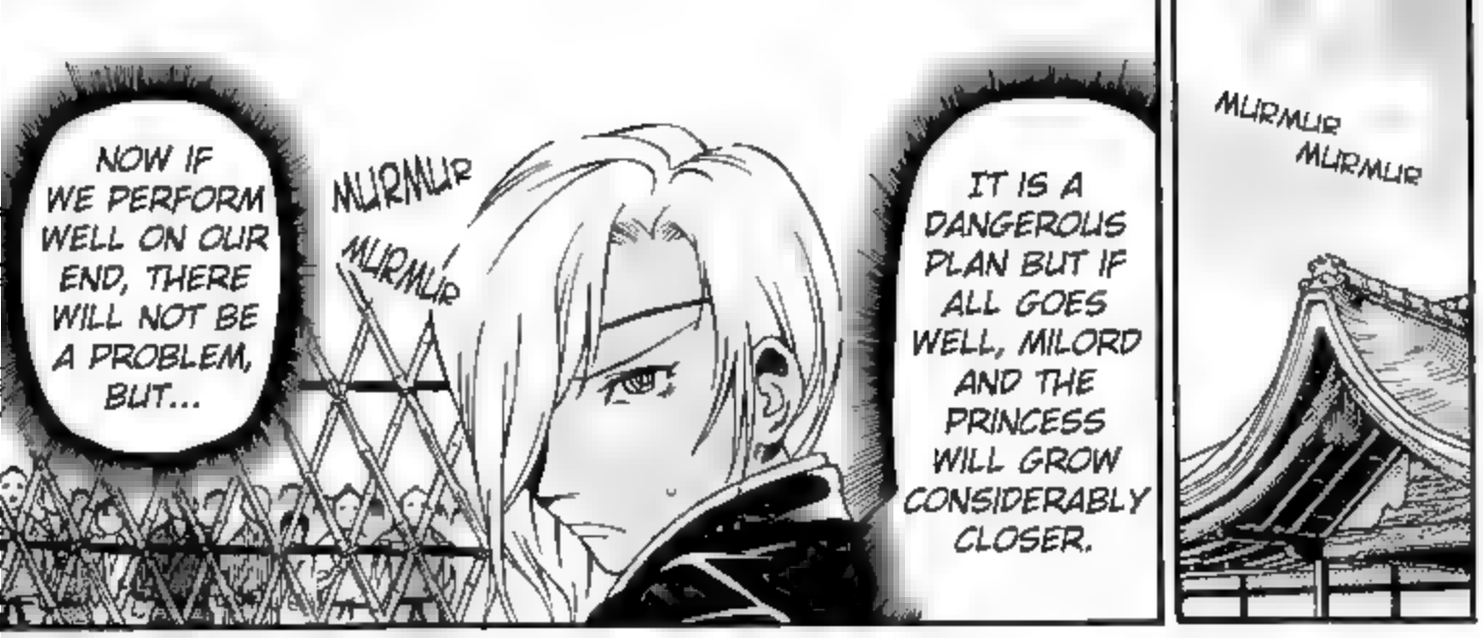
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHERE IS THIS ?!
IS THERE NO ONE ELSE HERE?!
WHAT ABOUT TODAY'S SCHEDULE ?!


SOMEONE !

RAIZOU ?!
MILADY, YOU'RE AWAKE!

THE SCHEDULE FOR MILADY TODAY
IS TO REST.
... REST?
I NEVER-!
MY APOLO-GIES!
MILADY MUST BE CLOSE TO COLLAPSING FROM EX-HAUSTION AND ANXIETY.
THAT IS WHY I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF DOING THIS TODAY!
BOW
HOWEVER, IN ADDITION TO THE EXCESSIVE DUTIES MILADY IS DOING DAILY, THERE WAS THE INCIDENT WITH THE EXPLOSION ...
AND I AM FULLY PREPARED TO ACCEPT ANY PUNISH-MENT FOR MY ACTIONS!
EVERY-THING WAS DONE ON MY OWN DIS-CRETION

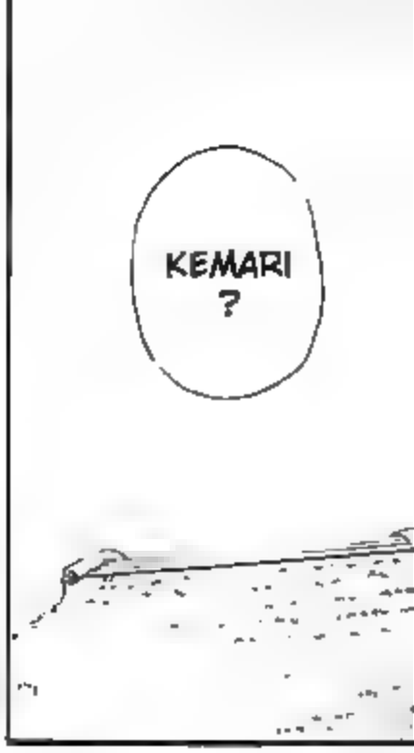
YOU WENT AS FAR AS TO ABDUCT ME...?
IN ORDER TO LET ME HAVE A DAY OF REST
TO EVEN HAVE HIM SAY THAT HE'S PREPARED FOR WHATEVER PUNISHMENT ...
... GULP!
EVEN AFTER BEING TOLD ALL THAT, YOU STILL...
SHOCK
ONE WHO DOESN'T EVEN CONSIDER THE FEELINGS OF YOUR OWN SERVANTS, AN IDIOT-PRINCESS!
IT IS MY LOSS.
I UNDERSTAND.
HOWEVER, THE CASTLE MUST BE IN AN UPROAR RIGHT NOW...
OH NO, MILADY NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT!
MILADY!
FOR TODAY, I SHALL DO AS YOU ASK.


NOW IF WE PERFORM WELL ON OUR END, THERE WILL NOT BE A PROBLEM, BUT...
MURMUR MURMUR
IT IS A DANGEROUS PLAN BUT IF ALL GOES WELL, MILORD AND THE PRINCESS WILL GROW CONSIDERABLY CLOSER.
MURMUR MURMUR

FEELS GOO
-D!
MILADY
THIS IS HI-ME-MA-RU.
!!!
HEY.
AAAH...

KU KU KU
NOW IF ONLY THE PRINCESS WOULDN'T COME BACK ...
I SUGGEST YOU DO NOT GET ANY FUNNY IDEAS.
HEY.
EVEN THOUGH I'M JUST A REPLACEMENT ... I FEEL LIKE I'VE FULFILLED MY LONG-TIME DREAM!
THE REASON I BECAME A KUNOICHI AS A MAN WAS TO LIVE AS A PRINCESS IN THESE TROUBLED TIMES!

TO SOOTHE ONE'S MIND, A LITTLE EXERCISE IS THE BEST!
PRECISELY! SLEEPING ONLY RESTS THE BODY!


KEMARI ?

I... DO NOT KNOW OUTDOOR GAMES VERY WELL.
RAIZOU. UM... T-TEACH ME, PLEASE.

...TO ME, KEMARI IS THE "3 YEARS OF THE DANGLING BALL".
I AM SURPRISED THAT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH SUCH AN ELEGANT SPORT.

WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, MOTHER MADE ME HANG A BALL FROM THE ROOF AND THEN STRICTLY TAUGHT ME KEMARI...
OOH! SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD MEMORY!

WELL THEN, WOULD MILADY LIKE TO START?

GO GO GO
IT WILL BE MY PLEA-SURE!
YE... YES!
CUU
TE! ♡
GO
GO GO
JUST LIKE THAT! BEND YOUR UPPER BODY, AND STRETCH YOUR RIGHT LEG OUT
AND KICK IT LIGHTLY!
DON'T STRETCH YOUR LEG TOO FAR OUT, JUST ENOUGH SO YOU DON'T SHOW THE SOLE OF YOUR FOOT.
IS THAT CLEAR, KAGARI? THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR MILORD TO GROW CLOSER TO THE PRINCESS!
NO MATTER WHAT, KEEP YOURSELF OUTSIDE!
OOH, MILADY IS LEARNING FAST!
THAT'S RIGHT! IF I THINK THIS IS FOR MILORD'S SAKE, I CAN BEAR IT!
I'M NOT FEELING LONELY AT...

CAA
N'T!
I
!
OOPS!
FLIP
PLEASE TEACH ME KEMARI TOO
!
MILOO
OORD!
YAY!
AL-RIGHT, SINCE YOU CAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE.
BESIDES, KEMARI IS A GAME DONE WITH SEVERAL PEOPLE.
ONCE YOU'RE A LITTLE USED TO KICKING IT ON YOUR OWN, LET'S ALL DO IT TOGE-THER!

... WELL THEN.
IF MILADY WOULD START?
DOKI
DOKI
O-OKAY.
HERE WE GO
HERE——!
PON
THOOM
YAA!!
GLEAAAAAM

DOOM
ZUSH!
ALRIGHT, SHE DROPPED IT!
MY WIIIN!
CRASH
HOW
BUT IN TERMS OF PHYSICAL STRENGTH, A KUNOICHI WILL NEVER LOSE TO THE LIKES OF NOBLES!
SEE THAT! I MIGHT NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT ELEGANT GAMES...
HO HO HO
"MY WIIIN"
MY FOOT!
GRAP
EEEEH?!

KICK

BUT, BUT... DOESN'T THE ONE WHO MISSES THE BALL AND DROPS IT TO THE GROUND LOSE...?
THERE'S NO SUCH RULE!
KEMARI ISN'T EVEN A MATCH TO BEGIN WITH!

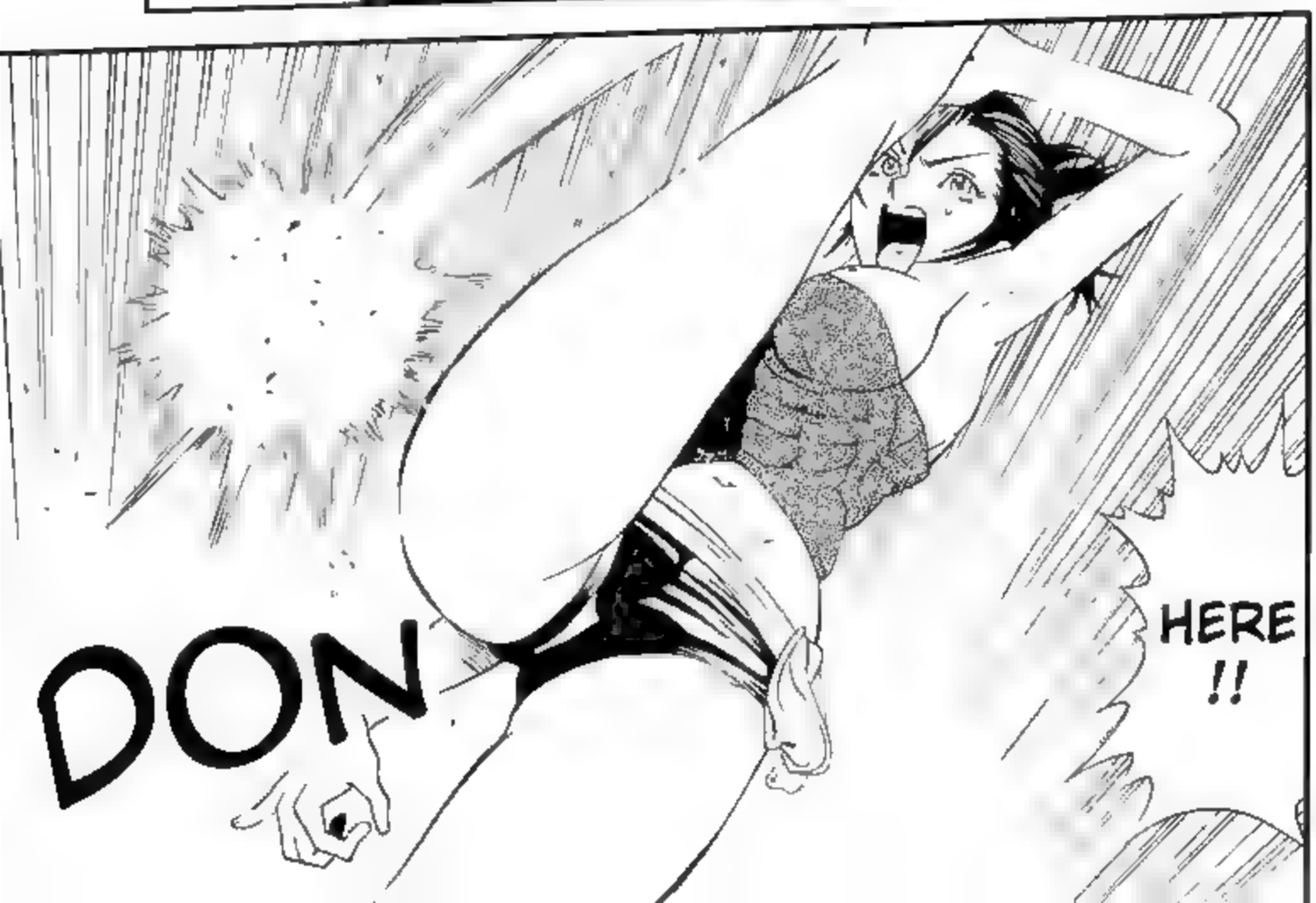
YOU DON'T GIVE YOUR OPPO-NENTS DIFFI-CULT BALLS!
EVERY-ONE WORKS TO-GETHER TO KEEP THE BALL IN THE AIR!
IT'S A PEACEFUL, REFINED GAME!

WAA H
MI-LADY, ARE YOU AL-RIGHT ?
HUH?
IT IS FINE, RAIZOU.
I DO NOT MIND.

SHUUUUUU
!!
GLE AM
THE ONE TO LET THE BALL DROP
LOSES, RIGHT?
SHUU
BOOOM
PLEASE DON'T KICK THE BALL TOO HIGH, SINCE IT MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR THE RECIEVING PERSON...
MI... MILADY ...
SNAP

JUST WHAT I WISHED FOR! COME AT ME WITH YOUR FULL STRENGTH!
RUSTLE
EEEE
FINE!
EVEN IF YOU'RE A PRINCESS, I WON'T HOLD BACK ANYMORE!
FLAP

THE PRINCESS IS MORE COMPETITIVE THAN I THOUGHT!
I NEVER IMAGINED IT WOULD COME TO THIS...!


DON
HERE !!

EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE HAVING FUN...

I'M... EXHAUSTED...
I CAN ... HARDLY MOVE ...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST A FRAIL NOBLE ...
MILADY TOO...
NOT BAD, KUNOICHI ...
FRIEND-SHIP?!
I'D BE HAPPY TO!
AH AH A
LET US CONTINUE THIS MATCH SOME OTHER DAY!
I THANK YOU FOR TODAY.
RAIZOU.

MILADY ...!

THIS ONE DAY YOU GRANTED ME
I SHALL NEVER FORGET IT!

YES!
HOW-EVER! I DO ASK THAT YOU DO NOT CARRY ME OFF SECRET-ELY AGAIN!

...BUT

BEFORE EVERY-ONE FINDS OUT.
LET US HEAD HOME

WHERE IS THE REAL PRINCESS ?!
I KNEW IT, RAIZOU KATANA WAS NOTHING BUT A VILLAIN!
THIS BASTARD, ON THE WAY BACK, HE STOOD UP AND PISSED!
THAT WAS TOO LATE.
HOW DARE YOU DRESS UP AS THE PRINCESS, SCUM!
完 KEMARI. END.

HOW DARE YOU KIDNAP THE PRINCESS AND PUT AN IMPOSTER IN HER PLACE!
DAMN YOU, RAIZOU!
IMPOSTER
CAN'T YOU UNTIE US, HIME-MARU?
THIS IS A "SWASTIKA KNOT", MADE ESPECIALLY TO TIE UP SHINOBI. STRUGGLE TOO MUCH AND YOUR BONES WILL BREAK!
WE MUST FIND HIM, AND TEAR HIM APART!
ZAWA
THEN, STARTING ...

STAND DOWN!
WE'LL MAKE EXAMPLES OUT OF THEM!
WITH THESE TWO, LET'S HAVE A BLOOD-BATH!

EXPOSED

DO NOT BE HASTY!
ZA
I KNEW IT, IT TURNED INTO AN UPROAR, ...
AAAND !!
THANK THE GODS, YOU'RE SAFE!
LADY HIBARI!
I SAID TO NOT BE HASTY!
DIE !!
YOU, RAI-ZOU KA-TANA !!
HII — ?!

RAIZOU HAS DONE NOTHING WRONG!
STOP
WHY ...?!
MI... LADY ?!

WHA-?!

...I AM SORRY.
FOR-GIVE ME.
PRIN-CESS! WHAT IS THE MEA-NING OF THIS ?!

EVERY-THING, THE REPLACE-MENT AS WELL...
EVERY-ONE WAS JUST FOL-LOWING MY ORDERS!

I WISHED TO, AT LEAST FOR A DAY, FORGET MY DUTIES AS A PRINCESS AND TRY SPREADING MY WINGS.
SINCE THE EXPLOSION THE OTHER DAY, I HAVE NOT BEEN SLEEPING WELL.

SINCE IT WILL BE OUR HEADS ROLLING IF SOMETHING HAPPENS.
BUT, PLE-ASE DON'T DO IT AG-AIN.
TENTH GUARD ...

I AM ASHAMED OVER MY OWN LACK OF WISDOM.
MILADY IS STANDING UP FOR ME...!
AND THAT TURNED INTO THIS UP-ROAR.

...THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN SAY IN RESPONSE TO THAT.

THAT'S RIGHT! ARE YOU PLANNING ON DEFAMING MILORD ?!
UM... IT WAS NOTHING AS OUT-RAGEOUS AS A DATE...

REEL THAT TONGUE IN, NEW GUY!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH MILADY MAY WISH TO GO ON A SECRET DATE WITH RAIZOU-DONO.
WHA-!!

EH?
SHE DOESN'T ... DENY IT?
MILADY ... HAS FALLEN ...!
ARE YOU HERE?
RAIZOU!
AT YOUR COMMAND, MILADY.
OH, YOU CAME. ♡

EE
H?!
YOU HAVE NOT YET HAD YOUR MIDDAY MEAL, COR-RECT?
WILL YOU NOT EAT WITH ME?
LIM! AS MILADY'S SUBOR-DINATE, I CANNOT ...
PRECISELY! A SUBORDINATE DINING WITH NOBILITY IS UNHEARD OF!

IN THAT CASE, RAIZOU!
TODAY, YOU SHALL BE THE ONE TO TASTE FOR POISON! ♡
WELL? YOU CANNOT REFUSE NOW.
YES ...
I'M HAPPY SHE WANTS TO EAT WITH ME... BUT TASTE FOR POISON, SHE SAYS...
THEN!
KLICK

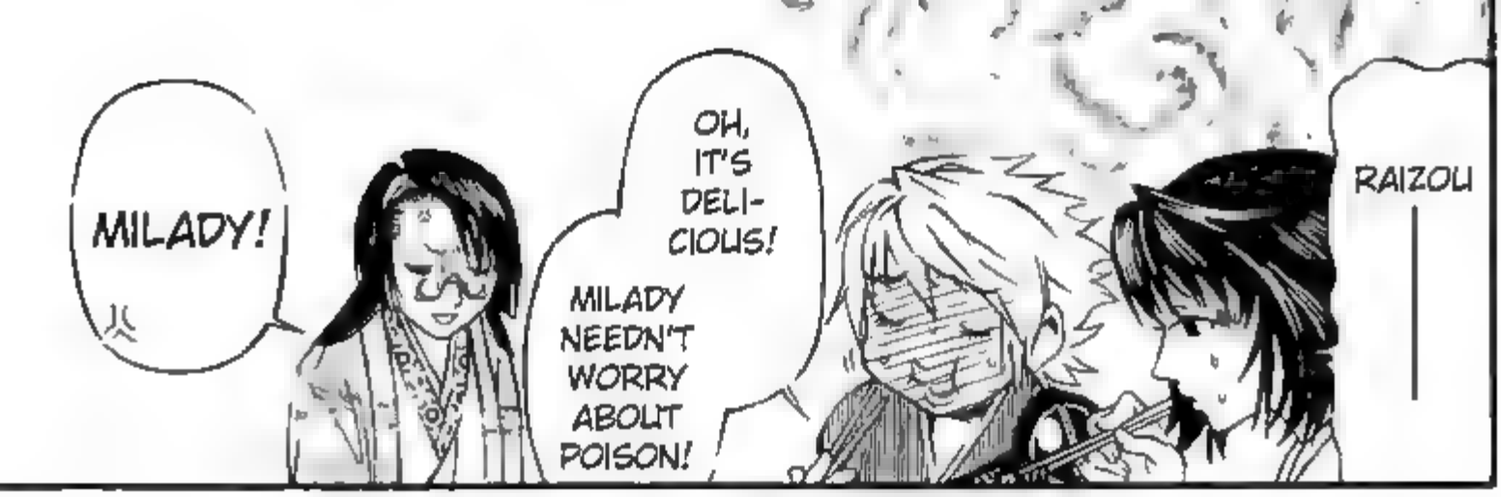
BUHOH
AA—N♡

COME, RAIZOU. AA—N♡
IS THIS HOW YOU TASTE FOR POISON?
T-TOO GOOD ...!
(NO IT'S NOT.)

AH!
CHOMP!

BUT IF I DON'T EAT IT, MILADY MIGHT MISUNDER-STAND IT...!
GO GO GO
BUT, IF I CAN'T EAT IT LIKE THAT, IT'S STEP-PING BE-YOND MY STATION!

GO
SI-LENT CO-ER-CION.
.....
GO
GO
UH?!


RAIZOU
OH, IT'S DELI-CIOUS!
MILADY NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT POISON!
MILADY!

I CAN'T EAT WHAT I CAN'T STAND!
TOSS TOSS TOSS
THAT IS NOT VERY LADYLIKE!

BUT... IT'S LEEKS...

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT POISON TESTING, MILADY IS JUST TRYING TO GIVE RAIZOU-DONO THE THINGS SHE DOES NOT LIKE.
UM...

KU-HEE—H
KEH! KEH! KEE—H!
FLAP FLAP

MILADY HAS THINGS SHE DISLIKES TOO...
IT'S SOMEWHAT CHARMING, IN A WAY.

CHIRP CHIRP
CHIRP CHIRP

GULP
PO ...!
THUMP
THUMP
KI-I-I
KEH KEH
KHUUH
KI-I-I
ROLL ROLL
POISON ?!!

THERE WAS POISON IN MILADY'S MEAL?
WHAT?
AND NOW, THOSE VILLAINS HAVE EVEN CREPT INTO THE CASTLE!
PRECISELY, IWAMI-DONO!
SOMEONE IS DEFINATELY AIMING TO TAKE MILADY'S LIFE...!
NOW, NOW, HOLD A LITTLE.
IF YOU KNOW THAT, THEN HURRY UP AND SEAL THE EXITS TO THE CASTLE!!
IS THIS JUST A COINCIDENCE?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANYTHING OF THE SORT HAS HAPPENED... AND BOTH, ONE AFTER THE OTHER NO LESS, HAVE HAPPENED SINCE HE CAME HERE.
NOT ONCE, BUT TWICE NOW HAVE ATTEMPTS BEEN MADE AT MILADY'S LIFE.
FIRST, I WISH TO QUESTION RAIZOU KATANA.
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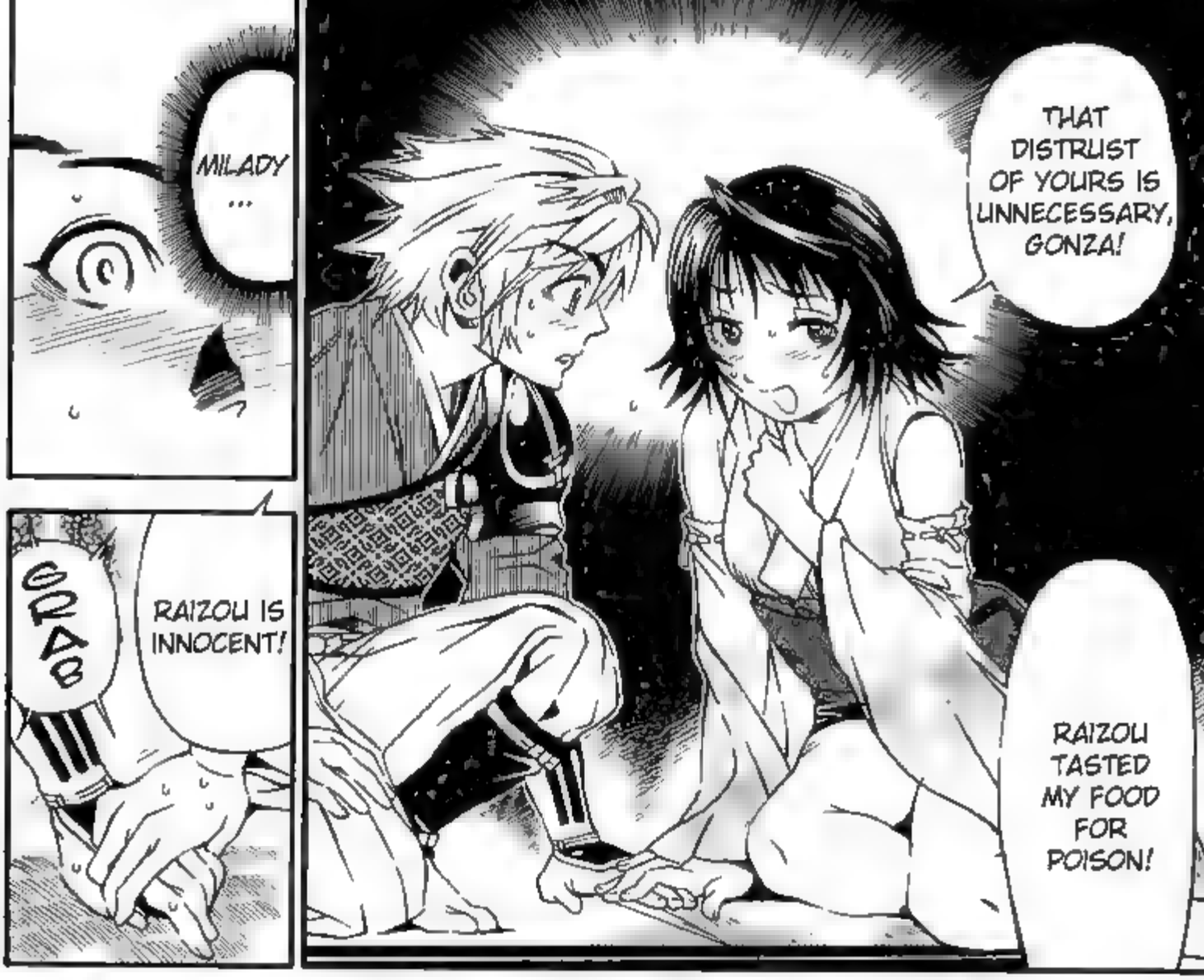
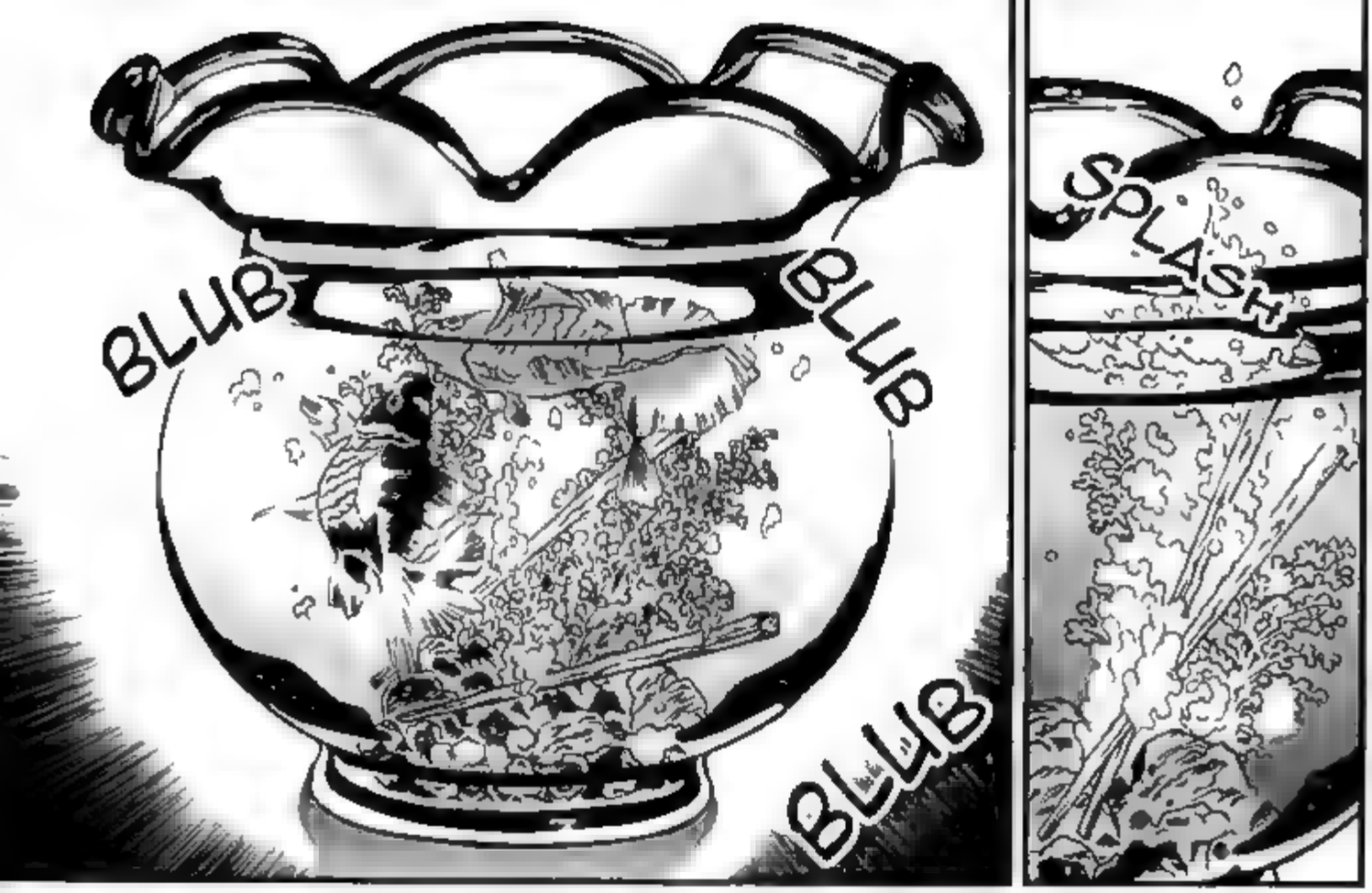

MILADY ...
THAT DISTRUST OF YOURS IS UNNECESSARY, GONZA!
RAIZOU TASTED MY FOOD FOR POISON!
RAIZOU IS INNOCENT!
GONZO

THEN WHY IS HE STILL ALIVE?
IF HE DID TASTE MILADY'S FOOD FOR POISON...

EVERY-ONE.
PLEASE HAVE A LOOK.
WE CANNOT SAY FOR SURE THAT HE IS INNO-CENT!
ARRESTING HIM AND HAVE HIM CLOSELY EXAMINED WOULD BE THE WISEST-
THE BIRDS DIED, DIDN'T THEY?
T-THAT'S ...


BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
SPLASH

IS THIS YOUR DOING, KUNOICHI ?!
(NO, YOU MORONS)
WH... WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!

I AM AFRAID THAT THIS WAS A TRICK.
MILADY'S CHOPSTICKS HAD BEEN SOAKED IN POISON BEFOREHAND.

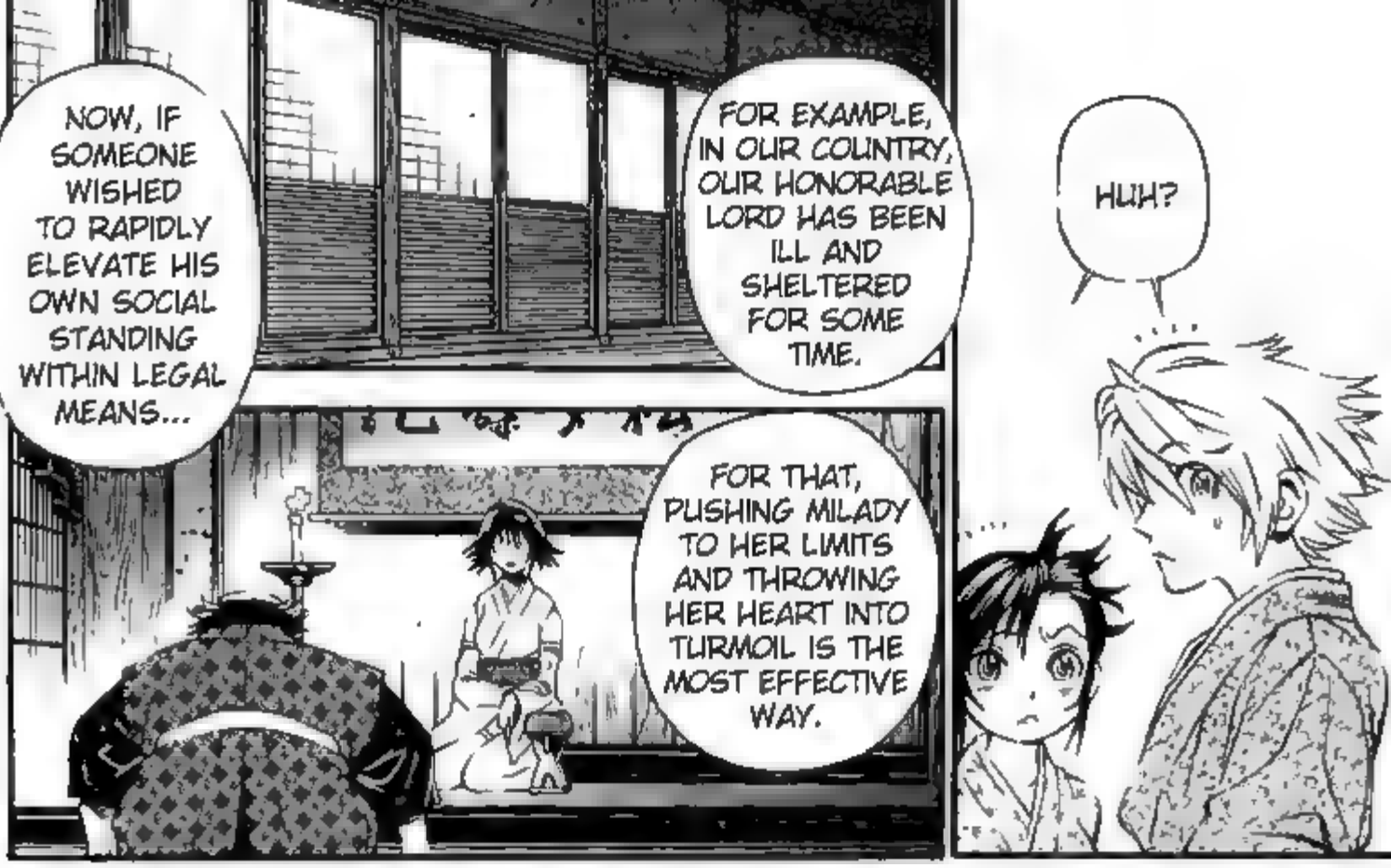
WHAT?! THE CHOP-STICKS?!
PRECISELY. THE FOOD IS MOST LIKELY COMPLETELY SAFE.
THERE-FORE, MILORD WHO USED A DIFFERENT PAIR OF CHOPSTICKS WAS NOT AFFECTED BY THE POISON.
THAT WAS CLOSE—!
BUT THE BIRDS WHO ATE THE FOOD FROM MILADY'S CHOPSTICKS WERE POISONED AND DIED.

IS THAT NOT SO, GONZA?
LET'S START BY QUESTIONING THE ONES IN CHARGE OF PREPARING THE MEAL TRAYS.
THIS ROOM WILL BE OFF-LIMITS FOR NOW.

WELL DONE, KUNOICHI!
WITH THIS, ALL DOUBT SURROUNDING RAIZOU ARE CLEARED!

... HOWEVER, MILADY.
AFTER-WARDS, I HAVE SOMETHING CONFI-DENTIAL TO SPEAK TO MILADY OF.

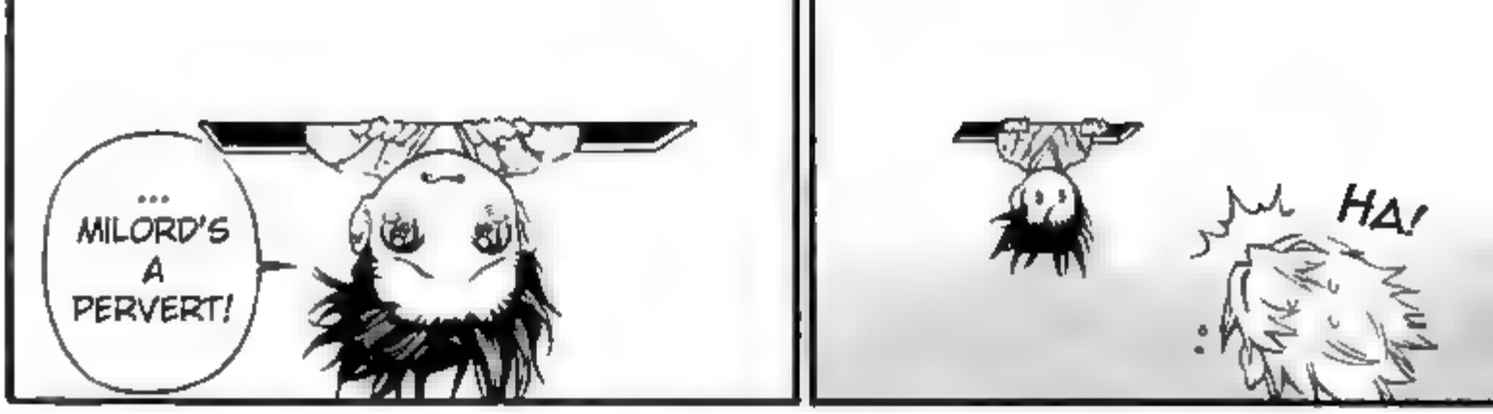
NO NEED TO THANK ME, POISONS ARE MY SPECIALTY AFTER ALL.
THANK YOU, HIMEMARU-DONO, YOU REALLY SAVED ME BACK THERE!
INSTEAD OF WORDS, PERHAPS MILORD HAS SOMETHING ELSE ♡ TO OFFER?
BUT IF MILORD STILL INSISTS...
DON'T GO SAYING THAT IT WAS ALL JUST BAD...
WAIT, WAIT.
OW...
SMACK
YOU PATHETIC EXCUSE FOR A SHINOBI!!
AH... THAT'S RIGHT!
IT WAS RISKY, WASN'T IT? REALLY BAD, WASN'T IT?
YOU JUST DID MILORD A DISSERVICE, INVITING A VILLAIN INTO THE CASTLE LIKE THAT!


NOW, IF SOMEONE WISHED TO RAPIDLY ELEVATE HIS OWN SOCIAL STANDING WITHIN LEGAL MEANS...
FOR EXAMPLE, IN OUR COUNTRY, OUR HONORABLE LORD HAS BEEN ILL AND SHELTERED FOR SOME TIME.
FOR THAT, PUSHING MILADY TO HER LIMITS AND THROWING HER HEART INTO TURMOIL IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY.
HUH?

BY DOING SO...

MILORD WILL BE ABLE TO CAPTURE HER HEART EASILY!
AND THEN, MAYBE... POSSIBLE, SOMETHING LIKE
♡
SRRR
WHA-!

SOMETHING AS GOOD AS THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR A DEMON CHILD LIKE ME!
WAAAA
THAT'S STUPID!
THAT'S STUPIIIIID !!
WAVE WAVE WAVE
IIIMMMMMPOSSIBLE!!
KISARABI-SAN?
SLIDE
THAT MAY NOT BE SO, MILORD.
IT IS THIS LATE AND... SHE IS ALONE!
THE PRINCESS IS HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THIS ROOM.
THEN, WE WILL HIDE OUR-SELVES. GOOD LUCK!
HEY, DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE!
DO NOT WORRY, IT IS THE SAME AS FIGHTING YOUR FIRST BATTLE! GO, AS IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDS UPON IT!
MILORD! GOOD FORTUNE TO YOU!
A SE-CRET NIGHT-VISIT!


...
MILORD'S A PERVERT!
HA!

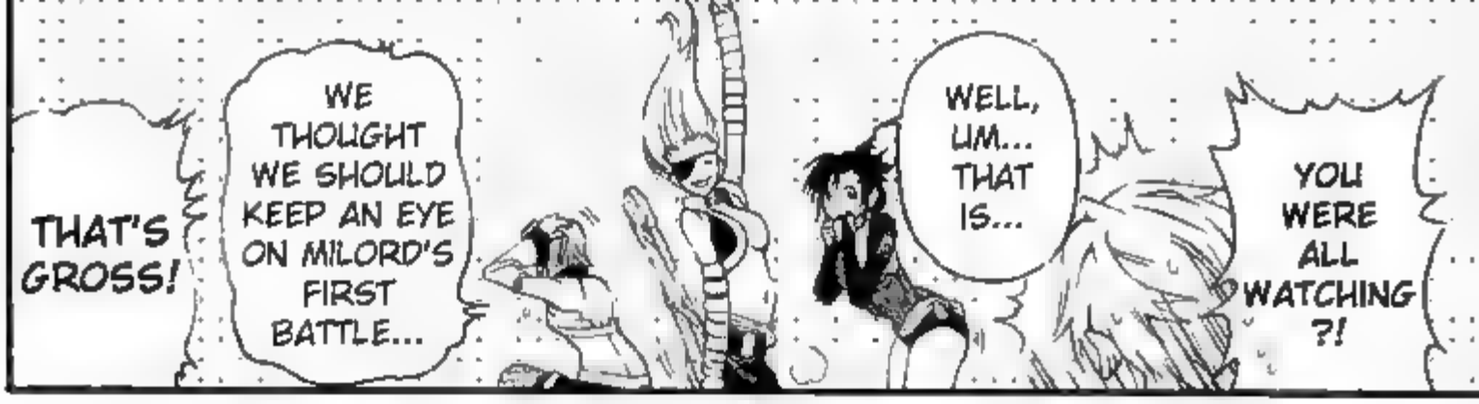
SLAM.
WHAT'S WITH THAT?!
DOO
N

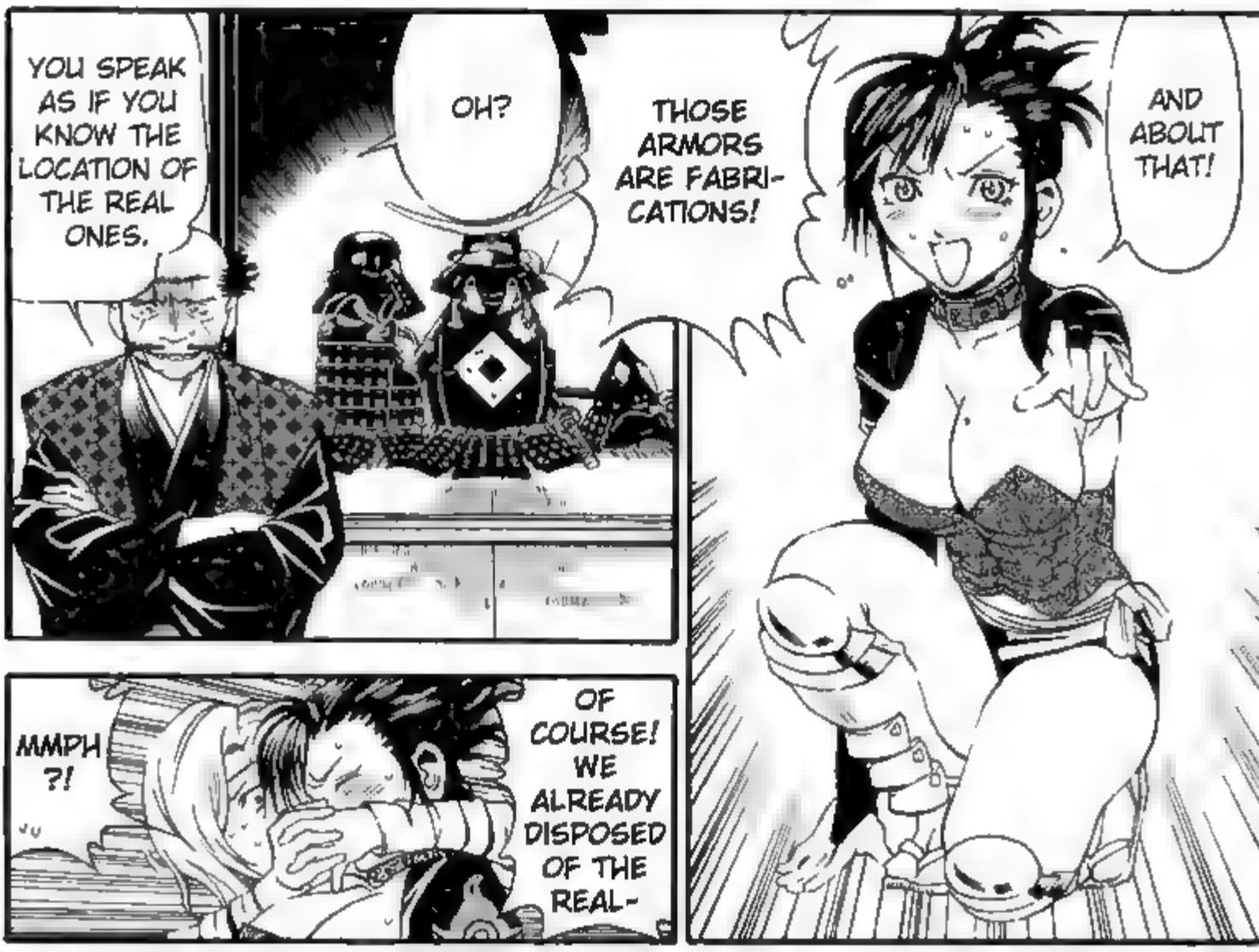
IS NOW FINE?
RAIZOU. I HAVE SOMETHING TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT.

YE-YE-YE-YE-YESS!
MY HEART ISN'T PREPARED YET...!
BEDDING IS...?! PREPARED?!
WHERE ARE THE KUNOICHI?
TH-THEY HAD TO GO OUT FOR SOME BUSINESS, IT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THEY WERE COMING BACK SOON!
PERFECT.
I'M SORRY FOR DISTURBING AT THIS HOUR...
BUT I FELT I HAD TO.
I WANTED TO MEET WITH YOU, ALONE...
THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST MAKE SURE OF.
SOMETHING... TO MAKE SURE OF?!
PLEASE, ANSWER ME HONESTLY RAIZOU...
ARE YOU...

HIDING ANYTHING FROM ME?
THAT, IS IT?!
GONZA.
. . . . . .
WHY ARE YOU NOT ANSW-ERING?
WH-WHA-, HAHA! I'M NOT ...
SLIDE
SLIDE
AT ONCE.

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE?
THAT'S THE ARMOR...!
WHY ARE YOU SILENT?
...WHY, RAIZOU...
JUMP
DON'T BE FOOLED, MILO
RD!
!!!


THAT'S GROSS!
WE THOUGHT WE SHOULD KEEP AN EYE ON MILORD'S FIRST BATTLE...
WELL, UM... THAT IS...
YOU WERE ALL WATCHING ?!


YOU SPEAK AS IF YOU KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE REAL ONES.
OH?
THOSE ARMORS ARE FABRI-CATIONS!
AND ABOUT THAT!
MMPH ?!
OF COURSE! WE ALREADY DISPOSED OF THE REAL-

WE DID HAVE ANOTHER BASIS FOR OUR SUSPICIONS THOUGH.
THEY WERE MADE TO EXPOSE YOU PEOPLE.
INDEED, THESE ARE FABRI-CATIONS.
YOU LET YOUR TOUNGE SLIP.
HMBPHMMF!

AT THE EXPLOSION INCIDENT THE OTHER DAY, THE BLACK-HAIRED KUNOICHI PROTECTED SOME PEOPLE WITH A STRANGE TECHNIQUE.
THE TATTOOS THAT APPEARED ON HER BODY AT THAT TIME,
THERE WERE SOME WHO SAID THEY HAD SEEN THE EXACT SAME ONES ON ONE OF THE ATTACKERS THAT DAY.
DAMN——!
HERO……
DONO……
IS IT TRUE?
WAS IT YOUR KUNOICHI WHO ATTACKED ME?
WAS IT A FARCE WHEN YOU SAVED ME?
WAS IT TO GET CLOSE TO ME?
ONCE YOU HAVE TOLD A LIE, KEEP TO IT UNTIL YOU DIE!
DON'T ADMIT IT MILORD!
THE...

I'M SERIOUS ABOUT WANTING TO PROTECT MILADY.
THE VERY FIRST TIME WE MET... IT WAS AN ACT.
BUT NOW...
NEXT TIME, I WON'T BE ACTING.

ARREST THEM!
A-!
RA...
ZUUSCH
KIKA-
-ON
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NOW, DON'T SAY THAT!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY WE HAVE A REASON TO WORK, ISN'T IT? ♡
THAT IS HOW MILORD IS.
NO USE IN BEMOANING IT NOW.
TSK! ARE YOU REALLY A MAN?
TO ADMIT TO A LIE YOU'VE ALREADY TOLD A GIRL ONCE...
WITHOUT FEELINGS OF
"RIGHT" OR "WRONG" !!!

YOU MON-STERS!
. . . . . !!!

RAI-ZOU!
GET MILADY OUT OF HERE!

BUT ...!
MILORD! LEAVE THIS TO US! YOU SHOULD RUN AWAY FROM HERE!

TH
UMP

GOT IT!
KA-GARI! TAKE CARE OF MI-LORD!

WHY YOU-!
MILORD!
!?
PISH
!!
WHIPS ?!
BAD! MY TECHNIQUE IS...!

HE KNOWS SHINTAI-GOU?!
THAT MAN . . . .
... RAI-ZOU ...!

BLAM
RAIZOUUU —— !!
EXPOSED. END. 完

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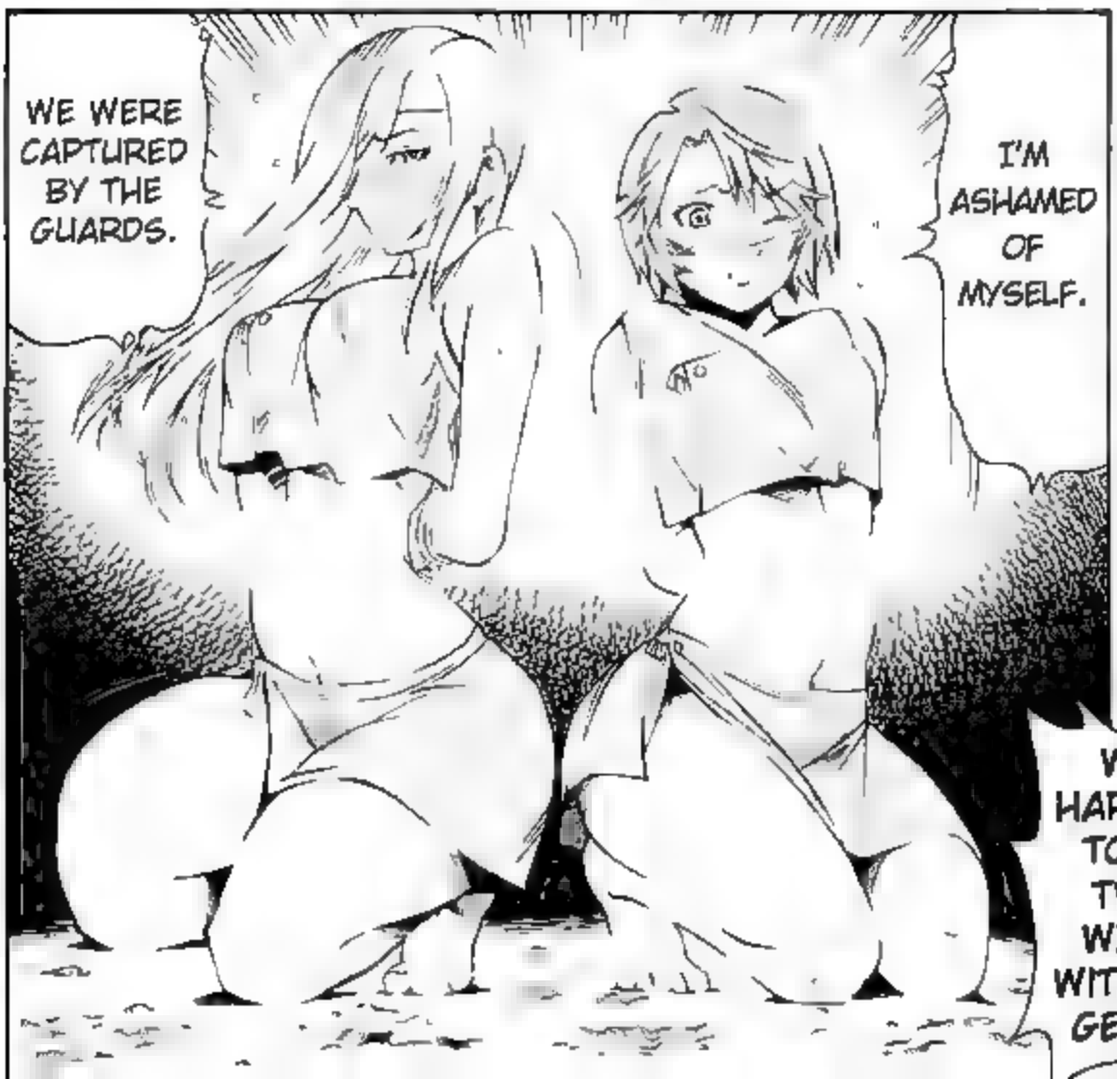
WHERE'S THIS...?
THE DUNGEONS.


WE WERE CAPTURED BY THE GUARDS.
I'M ASHAMED OF MYSELF.

!!?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU TWO?! WHAT'S WITH THAT GETUP?!

OW OW OWW!
...SO WE'RE IN-?!
KAGARI-DONO! WHAT THE...?
!?
IT'S A 'MIRROR BINDING,' TO SEAL OFF SHINTAIGOU.

WE HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY STRIPPED OF ALL OUR POSSESSIONS AS WELL AND TIED UP LIKE THIS.
...MILORD.
BY TYING US UP WITH OUR BACKS TO EACH OTHER,
MILORD'S EYES CAN'T REACH ME AND THEREFORE I CAN'T USE MY TECHNIQUE.
TO SEAL SHINTAI-GOU?!

WELL... I'M NOT GONNA CRY OVER DEATH...
THIS IS AS FAR AS WE GO...
HUH?
COMPLETELY SEALED OFF
ON ALL SIDES!!
I DON'T WANNA-!
WAAAA
BUT IF I'M GOING TO DIE, THEN AT LEAST KILL ME WHEN I'M YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL!
A DEAD BODY ?!
DOOOON
STAY LOCKED UP IN HERE AND DIE LIKE THAT GUY!!
YOU NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT THAT. WE ARE BEING HELD AS THE CRIMINALS WHO ATTEMPTED TO MURDER THE PRINCESS.
WE'LL MOST LIKELY BE PUT TO DEATH RIGHT AWAY.
HUEEEH-
HUAAAH-

ACTUALLY, I THINK THE PRINCESS IS IN MORE DANGER THAN WE ARE.
N-NO WAY, NOT MILADY? IT'S TRUE THAT WE MIGHT SEEM SUSPICIOUS, BUT...
PUT
TO DEATH?!
AND SOMEHOW, HE'S CONNECTED TO SEIKAN KABUKI.
THE TRUE ENEMY IS STILL OUT THERE.
ARE YOU SURE, KAGARI-DONO?!
WHA-!!
WHAT A MESS... IT'S NOT ONLY THE PRINCESS'S LIFE THAT IS IN DANGER.
YEAH... AT THIS RATE, THE WHOLE COUNTRY IS AT STAKE.
THE FACT THAT HE KNEW HOW TO BREAK IT BY LIMITING MILORD'S SIGHT IS PROOF!
THE KUNOICHI WHO CAUGHT KISARABI AND HIMEMARU ... I REMEMBER SEEING HER TATTOOS BEFORE.
AND THAT YOUNG MAN NAMED JUUBEE KNEW OF SHIN-TAIGOU.

MILADY... AND THE WHOLE COUNTRY... TARGETED
BY SEIKAN ...?!
HA
DAMN, IF WE DON'T HURRY AND GET OUT OF HERE...
WHY WILL YOU NOT LET ME SEE RAIZOU?!
WHY, GONZA?!
...WHAT WILL MILADY DO, EVEN IF MILADY SEES HIM NOW?
AND BESIDES, ARE THEY NOT THE VILLAINS WHO HAVE TRIED TO MURDER MILADY SEVERAL TIMES ALREADY?!

.....
ABSOLUTELY NOT! THERE WILL BE NO EXAMINATION, THEY SHALL BE PUNISHED STRAIGHT-AWAY!
THAT IS WHY I SHALL QUES-TION THEM AND-!
FOR MILADY'S OWN GOOD, MILADY SHALL BE TEMPORARILY LOCKED UP...
DO YOU PLAN TO DRIVE ME TO MY OWN DEATH, GONZA?!
AND DURING THAT TIME, RAIZOU WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS CRIMES ...
I'M AFRAID——!!
HOW DARE YOU!
SHAKE SHAKE
AND ONCE AGAIN, MILADY ACTS SPOILED AND DIS-GRACE-FUL.

IN ORDER TO PREVENT MILADY FROM MAKING A RASH AND UNWISE DECISION, WE WILL-
SMA CK
THAT MILADY RIGHT NOW LACKS THE PROPER CALMNESS AND COMPOSURE REQUIRED FOR IMPARTIALITY AND WILL LET HER FEELINGS CLOUD HER JUDGMENT.
DO YOU MOCK ME?!
YOU ... RUDE ...!!
: RUDE?

THIS IS MERELY A MEASURE TO KEEP MILADY SAFE FROM POTENTIAL ATTACKERS!
SMILE
PLEASE ENDURE!
ALTHOUGH WE HAVE CAPTURED RAIZOU, HE MAY STILL HAVE ALLIES INSIDE THE CASTLE!
SIDUK
THEN, WE SHALL BE TAKING OUR LEAVE ...
CLACK
MILADY'S SCHEDULE IS COMPLETELY FULL FOR THE COMING YEAR...!
WAIT, IWAMI-DONO!
FATHER.
ARE WE NOT BEING TREATED LIKE MERE PRISONERS THEN?
DO NOT JEST...!
WE SHALL JUST REPORT THAT IT HAS ALL BEEN CANCELED

I... WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SMILE ANY MORE.

WHAT'S EVEN MORE PROBLEMATIC IS THIS 'MIRROR BINDING'... SINCE MILORD CANNOT SEE ME, I CAN'T USE SHINTAIGOU.
EH?!
HOW BAD IS IT?!
TO ENDURE PAIN IS SOME-THING BASIC FOR ALL SHINOBI!
A WOUND LIKE THIS... SOMETHING THIS TINY...
...YES, INDEED.
...
INDEED.

...FEEL MY MIND'S EYE — !!
OKAY THEN, CLOSE YOUR EYES !!
I CAN'T FEEL ANYTHING UNLESS MILORD LOOKS AT ME DIRECTLY !!
THEN, WITH MY FEELINGS! "I REALLY, REALLY WANT TO SEE YOU!!"
IMPOS-SIBLE !!
I APPRECIATE IT, BUT MY TECHNIQUE WON'T WORK WITH FEELINGS !!
WELL, UH!
CAN IT WORK WITH, YOU KNOW, "VISIONS YOU SEE IN THE FACE OF DEATH" OR SOME-THING?!

SILENCE...

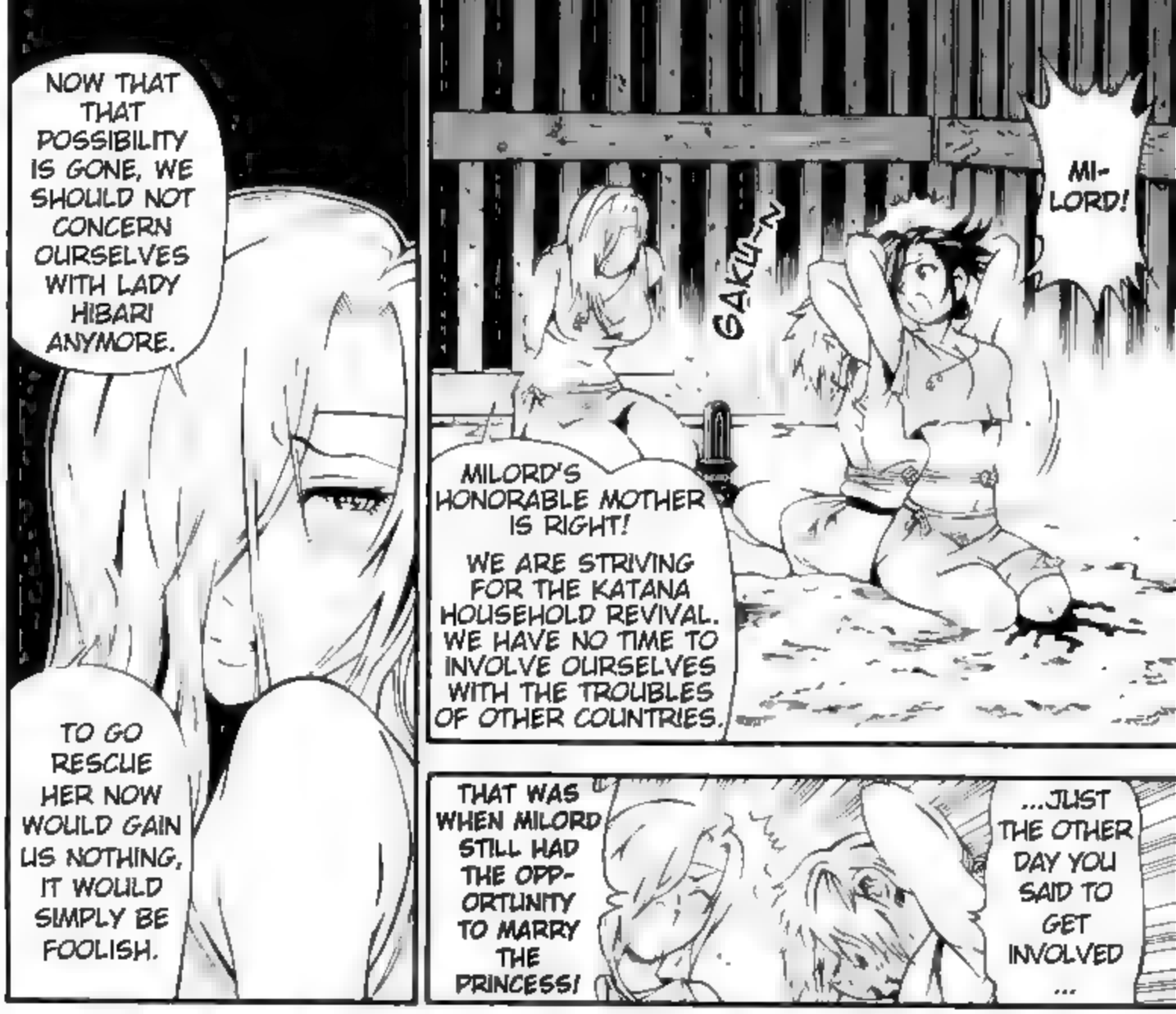
NO, I'M THE ONE THAT'S USELESS...
...SORRY, I'M REALLY OF NO USE AT ALL...

HOW ABOUT THIS ?!
IF THERE'S SOMETHING THAT SHOWS REFLECTIONS, AND OUR EYES MEET THERE?!
THAT'S A POSSI-BILITY!!
GREAT! A MIRROR ...

KAGARI'S BLEEDING MUST BE STOPPED SOON.
OR ELSE SHE WILL LOSE CONSCIOUS-NESS FROM BLOOD LOSS, AND THAT MUST NOT HAPPEN!

THIS IS BAD ...

AARGH, DAMN IT ALL.
I WONDER IF THAT PRINCESS WON'T COME RESCUE US.
DO NOT BE FOOLISH! WE DO NOT EVEN KNOW THE PRINCESS'S OWN FATE!
MI-LADY ...
BESIDES, AFTER FINDING OUT THAT WE TRICKED HER, THE PRINCESS WILL MOST DEFINITELY NOT COME TO HELP.
THAT'S TRUE. EVEN IF WE'RE SPARED, WE HAVE NOTHING TO GAIN FROM HERE.
PRECISELY. WE SHOULD CONSIDER THE PRINCESS A LOST CAUSE AND LEAVE THIS COUNTRY RIGHT AWAY.
!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
SHOULD WE JUST LEAVE MILADY ON HER OWN HERE
AND RUN AWAY BY OUR-SELVES?
I CAN'T —
CRACK

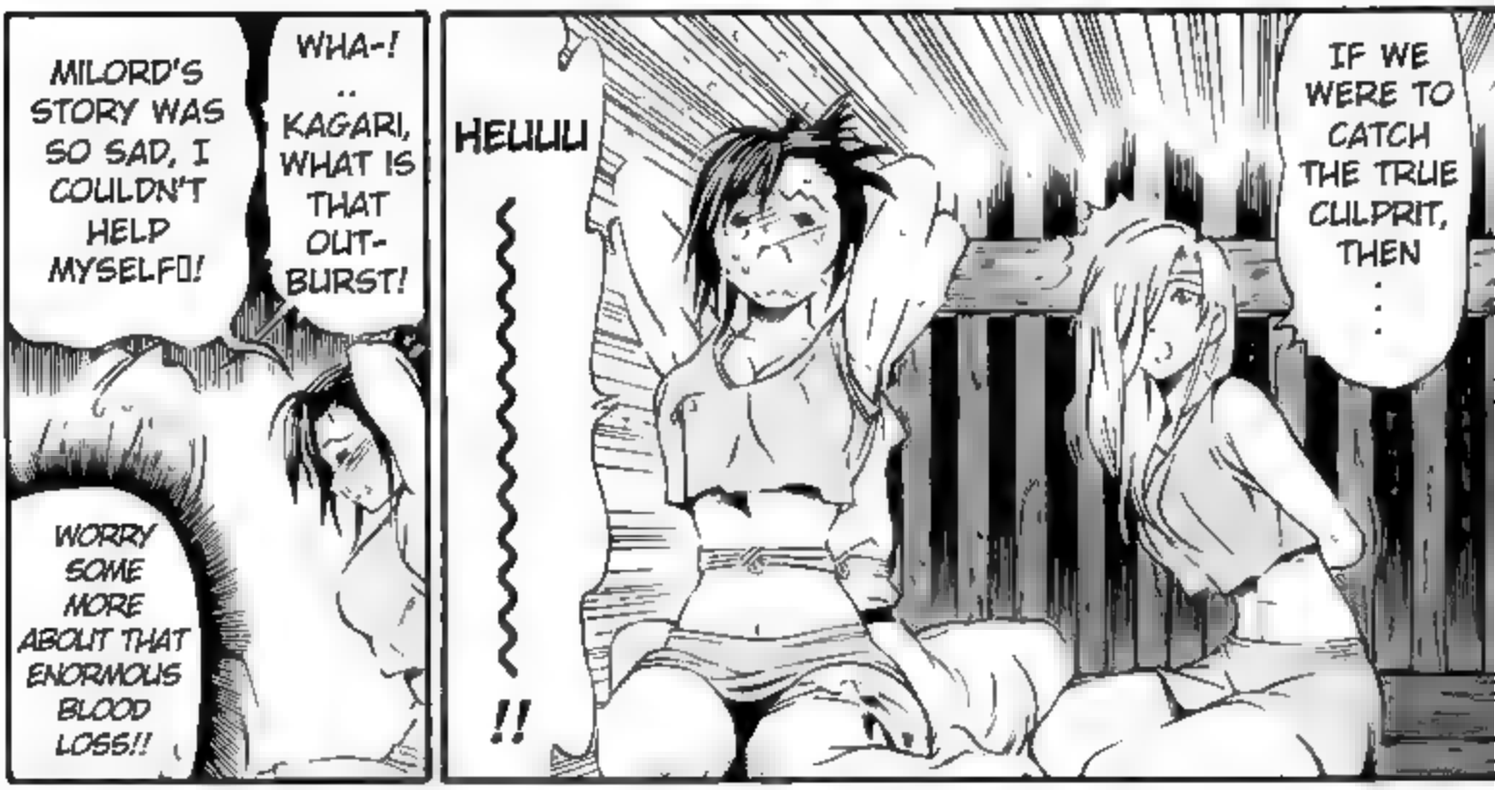

NOW THAT THAT POSSIBILITY IS GONE, WE SHOULD NOT CONCERN OURSELVES WITH LADY HIBARI ANYMORE.
TO GO RESCUE HER NOW WOULD GAIN US NOTHING, IT WOULD SIMPLY BE FOOLISH.
GAKU~N
MI-LORD!
MILORD'S HONORABLE MOTHER IS RIGHT!
WE ARE STRIVING FOR THE KATANA HOUSEHOLD REVIVAL. WE HAVE NO TIME TO INVOLVE OURSELVES WITH THE TROUBLES OF OTHER COUNTRIES.
THAT WAS WHEN MILORD STILL HAD THE OPP-ORTUNITY TO MARRY THE PRINCESS!
...JUST THE OTHER DAY YOU SAID TO GET INVOLVED ...

BECAUSE THE CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED, WE SHOULD JUST UP AND LEAVE?
AND LEAVE MILADY ALL BY HERSELF ...?
...MILADY WHOM WE'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW SO WELL MIGHT BE KILLED, BUT...

KISARABI-SAN... IS THAT YOUR HOUSE REVIVAL?
UM... NO...! BUT...!
...I CAN'T.
TO SURVIVE IN THESE TIMES OF WAR!
KISARABI-SAN, DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE ON YOUR OWN?
THE FEELING OF BEING COMPLETELY ABANDONED BY EVERYONE AROUND YOU...
IF WE LEAVE NOW...
MILADY WILL TRULY BE ALL ALONE.
BUT MILORD, THE PRINCESS IS ALREADY
THAT PAINFUL FEELING... IT'S SOMETHING I KNOW WELL.
NO.
SHE'S WAITING.

MILADY
IS DEFINITELY WAITING FOR SOMEONE WHO'LL COME SAVE HER!
TO BE SAVED BY SOMEONE, JUST LIKE I WAS...
SHE'S WAITING, JUST LIKE I DID...

...I DO UNDERSTAND THAT BUT...
EVEN IF WE COULD MANAGE TO ESCAPE FROM HERE,
WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO PROVE OUR INNOCENCE OF THE CRIMES WE HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF.
THESE PAST EVENTS WOULD SIMPLY BE REPEATED AGAIN.


IF WE WERE TO CATCH THE TRUE CULPRIT, THEN
...
HELULU
!!
WHA-! .. KAGARI, WHAT IS THAT OUT-BURST!
MILORD'S STORY WAS SO SAD, I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF□!
WORRY SOME MORE ABOUT THAT ENORMOUS BLOOD LOSS!!

CALM DOWN KAGARI, OR IT WILL AFFECT YOUR WOUND.
WHO IS CRYING?
WAS IT... YOU?
THAT BODY DIDN'T JUST...
IMAGINATION, IMAGINATI
H'A!-

JERK
THE BODY SPOKE?!

YOU SHOULD SMILE.
HEH HEH
CRYING'S NO GOOD.

I HAVE BEEN LOCKED UP IN MY OWN CASTLE FOR MY OWN GOOD, HAVE I NOT? DO YOU STILL WORRY FOR ME? WHAT DO YOU WANT!
ZZZZ
GONZA, IS IT?
WHY DON'T YOU REST ALREADY, MILADY? YOUR HEALTH WILL BE AFFECTED.
BUT...
...AGAIN WITH THE HARSH REMARKS.
AS EXPECTED OF MILADY.

THOSE REMARKS, TOO, WILL END TONIGHT.
?!!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS ?!
IF YOU'D GONE TO SLEEP LIKE I SAID, YOU COULD HAVE DIED WITHOUT KNOWING IT...!

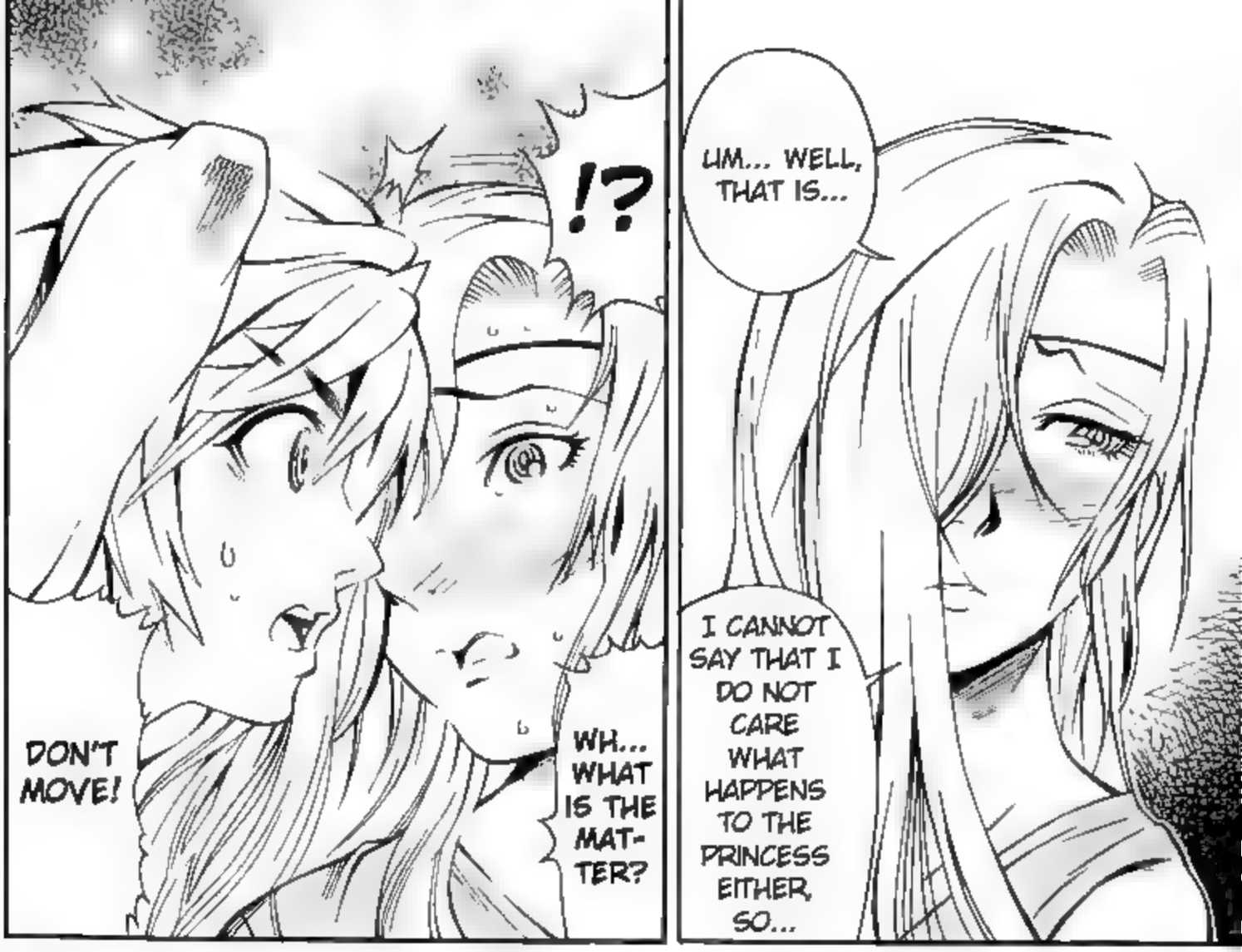
DON'T JEST!! HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND, GONZA?!
IF FATHER HEARS OF THIS-
.....
"FATHER" HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN CARE OF. HE CAN DO NOTHING.
PREPARE TO MEET YOUR MAKER.
"MILADY"!!
AND ENTER THE ETERNAL SLUMBER ...!
YOU WILL BE CUT DOWN HERE
REJOICE, PRINCESS!
YOU NEED NOT CARRY THE HEAVY BURDEN OF LEADERSHIP, AND THIS COUNTRY'S TROUBLES WILL BOTHER YOU NO MORE!
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
FUUU

YOU'RE ANNOYING!!
KICK
AH?!
JUUBEE-DONO!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WHA-!
JUU-BEE!!
ARE YOU THE ONE BEHIND THIS... TREASON ?!
WANT ME TO DRAW A PICTURE FOR YA? HUH?!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
ARE YA SCARED? ARE YA CHICKENING OUT NOW?!
WANT SOME MONEY FOR THIS?!
AGH!
OW!
I GOTTA DO EVERY-THING ON MY OWN?!
YOU'RE STEALING AN ENTIRE COUNTRY, A LITTLE WOULDN'T HURT...
.....

THERE'S NOTHING SHADY OR UNDERHANDED ABOUT THAT.
TAKING THE LEADERSHIP FROM AN INCAPABLE LORD ISN'T UNHEARD OF.
"TREASON"?
NOW! MY LORD SEIKAN-SAMA'S WAITING IMPA-TIENTLY!
JUST DO IT ALREADY! AND BECOME A REAL MAN!
WE HAVE THE "CRIMINALS" LOCKED UP SAFELY IN THE DUNGEONS, DON'T WE?
THE DUNG-EONS?
I PREFER TO CALL IT "LIBERATION"!
THEN... THEY ARE PLANNING ON PINNING THIS CRIME ON RAIZOU AND THE OTHERS?
NO...

...WHY THE SURPRISE?
EVEN IF IT'S YOUR DUTY BECAUSE OF YOUR BLOODLINE ...
AT YOUR AGE, YOU CANNOT POSSIBLY TAKE THE BURDEN OF LEADING THIS COUNTRY ON YOUR OWN...
FOR-GIVE ME FOR ASKING, BUT WHO ARE YOU?
YOU WEREN'T DEAD?!
HE'S TAL-KING NON-SENSE ...
LIM! ARE YOU CERTAIN?
COME TO THINK OF IT, I'VE CAUSED NOTHING BUT TROUBLE FOR YOU...
!
HE WON THE SUPPORT OF THE SOLDIERS IN THE BORDER AREAS, AND WITH THEM, HE THREW ME IN JAIL AND USURPED ME...
MOREOVER, THAT GONZA IWAMI...

LADY HIBARI'S FATHER ...?!
THAT... THAT MEANS——!
FORGIVE ME, HIBARI...
FORGIVE THIS WORTH-LESS FATHER OF YOURS...
HACK SOB HACK
THE...
SHOCK
...LORD OF THE CASTLE?!
!
MILORD! IF THAT STORY JUST NOW IS TRUE, THEN IT IS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY!
IF WE CAN BREAK OUT OF HERE AND BRING THIS MAN TO THE PRINCESS, OUR INNOCENCE WILL BE PROVED!
KISARABI-SAN...


!?
DON'T MOVE!
WH... WHAT IS THE MAT-TER?
UM... WELL, THAT IS...
I CANNOT SAY THAT I DO NOT CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PRINCESS EITHER, SO...

KAGARI-DONO!
KISARABI-SAN, DON'T CLOSE YOUR EYES!
GET AS CLOSE AS YOU CAN!
LOOK INTO KISARABI-SAN'S EYES!

MILORD
...
IS WATCHING ME!

ZOKU
4
NO

MI-
LADY
!
!
. . .
!!
DOOOOOM
HOOOOLD!

NEVER SHALL A LADY'S PLIGHT BE IGNORED, AND FOR THIS I HAVE COME!
I AM THE LAST OF THE NOBLE FAMILY OF KATANA, RULERS OF TSUKIGASE! MY NAME IS RAIZOU KATANA!
WHILE I AM NO WARRIOR OF RENOWN, THIS IS A BATTLE I WILL NOT LOSE!
NEXT TIME, I WON'T BE ACTING.
完 IMPRISONMENT. END.

OLD SCAR
WHILE I AM NO WARRIOR OF RENOWN, THIS IS A BATTLE I WILL NOT LOSE!

HERO-DONO!
IMPOSSIBLE! HOW DID YOU ESCAPE FROM THAT PRISON CELL?!
THE SEAL ON SHINTAIGOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN PERFECT...!
THEY MANAGED TO BREAK OUT OF THE MIRROR-BINDING?!
WHATEVER ... I STILL HAVE THE UPPER HAND!!
CHAK
STOP RIGHT THERE!
YA TAKE AS MUCH AS ONE STEP-
KA-

I'LL SHOO...

BANG

BANG BANG

IS SOMEONE THERE---?!

S-SOMEONE---!

GUESS I'LL HAFTA-

OUTTA TIME!

OH NO!

IF YA CALL THE GUARDS HERE NOW...

SAN

WHAT THE HELL D'YA THINK YER DOING?!

THEN WE CAN'T USE THE PRINCESS AS A HOSTAGE, CAN WE?!

AAARG!

BA-
KIIIN
MILADY ?!
SLUMP
YOU BRAT!!

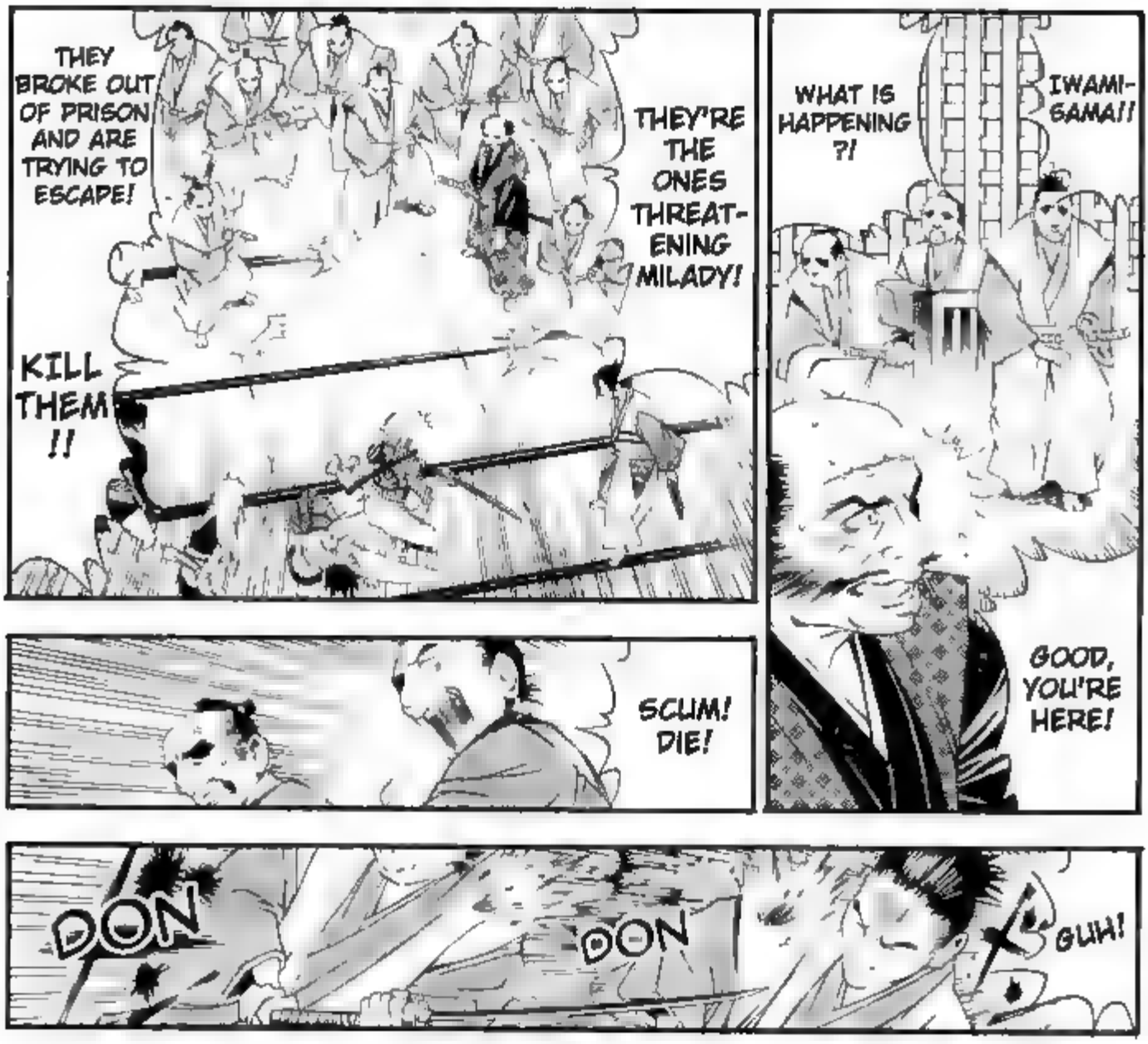
NAAJAAAA-

HIMEMARU-DONO--!

CLACK

JUMP

JUMP
THAT'S NOT GONNA WORK TWICE!
SHUPISH
!?
WHAT THE!
SO MUCH FOR YOUR WHIPS!
IF I TIE THEM TOGETHER LIKE THIS BEFORE YOU MOVE, THEY'RE USELESS!


THEY BROKE OUT OF PRISON AND ARE TRYING TO ESCAPE!
THEY'RE THE ONES THREATENING MILADY!
KILL THEM!!
WHAT IS HAPPENING?!
IWAMI-SAMA!!
GOOD, YOU'RE HERE!
SCUM! DIE!
DON
DON
GUH!
BASTARD...!
GEH...!
THIS IS BAD... THE SMALL GROUP WHO JUST ARRIVED IS NO WORRY, BUT
SHOULD MORE REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE AND SURROUND US, MY GUN WILL BE USELESS!
RASENGAN!

KISARABI-SAN!
Y-YES ?!
OVER THERE IS THE ONLY ENTRANCE!
GET TO THE HALLWAY THROUGH THE HOLE WE MADE
!
AND HOLD ALL GUARDS OFF THERE!
AT ONCE!
THAT SHRIMP ...
HE'S STAYING PRETTY CALM IN THIS CHAOS.
MILOOORD! ♡
WHAT ABOUT ME?
WHAT ABOUT ME?
KA-GARI-DONO, PLE-ASE
GO WILD. ♡
SHE'S GONNA FIGHT?
I SHOT HER IN THE LEG EARLIER, DIDN'T I?

SHINTAIGOU!!
神体!!!
SHI----NE
RAWAAAH
I HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE ...
.....
UPPP
CRAAASH
IT'S HEALED ?!

CHAK
!
KASHIIN
CHEH!
I AIN'T DONE YET!
EH?!
I GIVE UP.
NAJAAAA-!!

STUPID, THINK I'M GONNA LET YOU GO?
GIGIII
!
DON'T CALL ON ME WHENEVER LIKE I'M YOUR SERVANT!!

MY WHIPS ARE SPECIALLY-MADE, PLAITED OF SINEW FROM THE HUMAN BODY...
KI
KEEP LAUGH-ING!
IT'S AN EASY MATTER TO RELEASE THEM FROM YOUR GRIP!
KI
KI

BLOF
GO
GUBON
DON
GUBOH
WHAT THE?!
PA SH
JUST BY PUTTING A LITTLE FORCE INTO THEM...
KYU

HALF A YEAR'S WORK VAPORIZED IN AN INSTANT.
DOSEEEH
WAAAH
... THIS IS STUPID ...

RAIZOU-HAN, NOW THIS HAS ALL GONE LIKE YA PLANNED ...
!
YE'LL GET YER HANDS ON BOTH THE COUNTRY... AND THE PRINCESS.
!
THIS'S ALL YER FAULT.
YER DIFFERENT FROM THE RUMORS, YA GOT SOME SERIOUS BALLS.

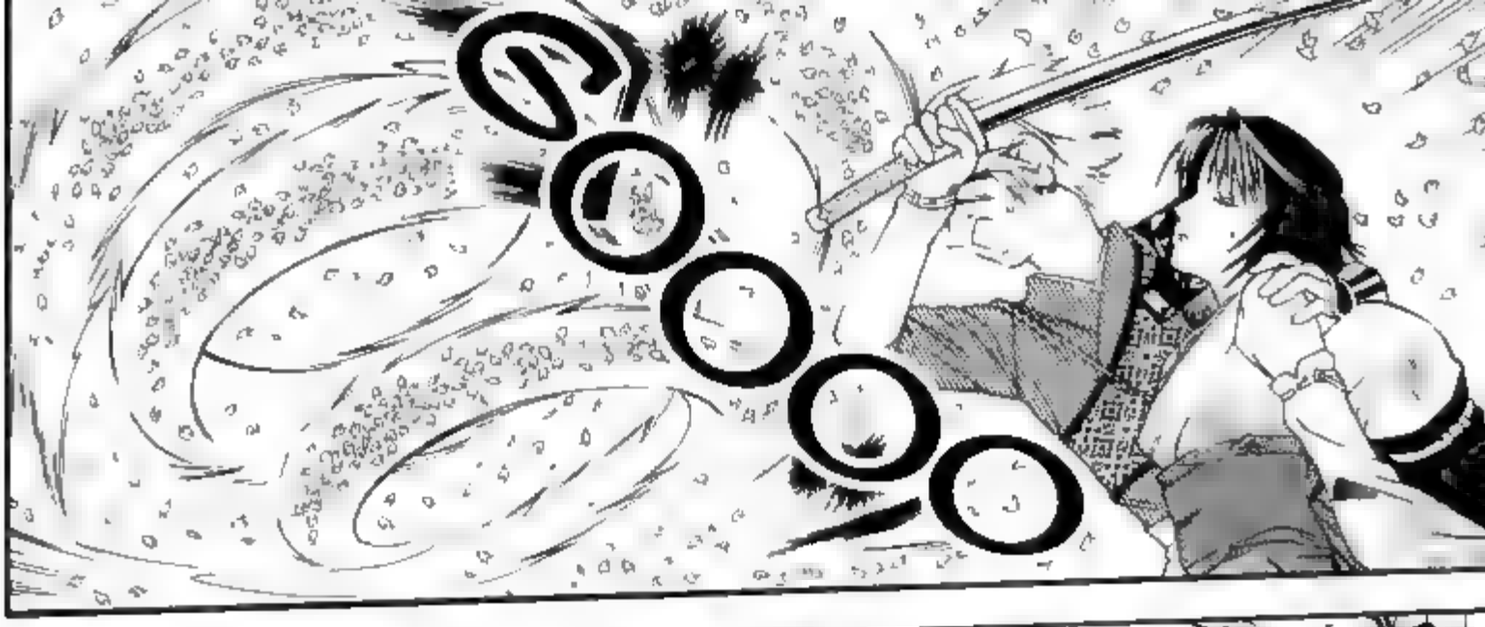
COME ON, WHY THE SHY AMBITIONS?
HA HA HA
I DIDN'T HAVE ANY SUCH INTENTIONS AT ALL-!
WH-WH-WH-!
PERFECT BULL'S-EYE.

SRRR

PWAH
!
... HEY.

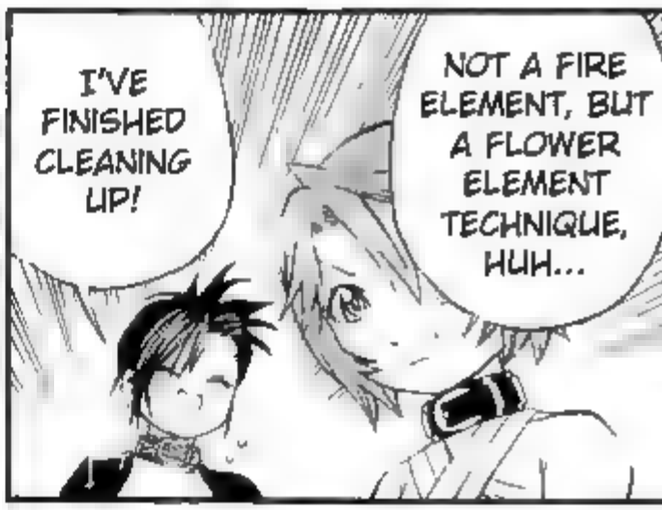
YOU WON'T LIVE LONG LIKE THAT.

I AM AN OFFICER OF SEIKAN KABUKI.
AKECHI JUUBEE MITSUHIDE.
STAY WELL UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.
SHWOOOOO
THE MAN WHO CALLS OUT TO STRIFE.

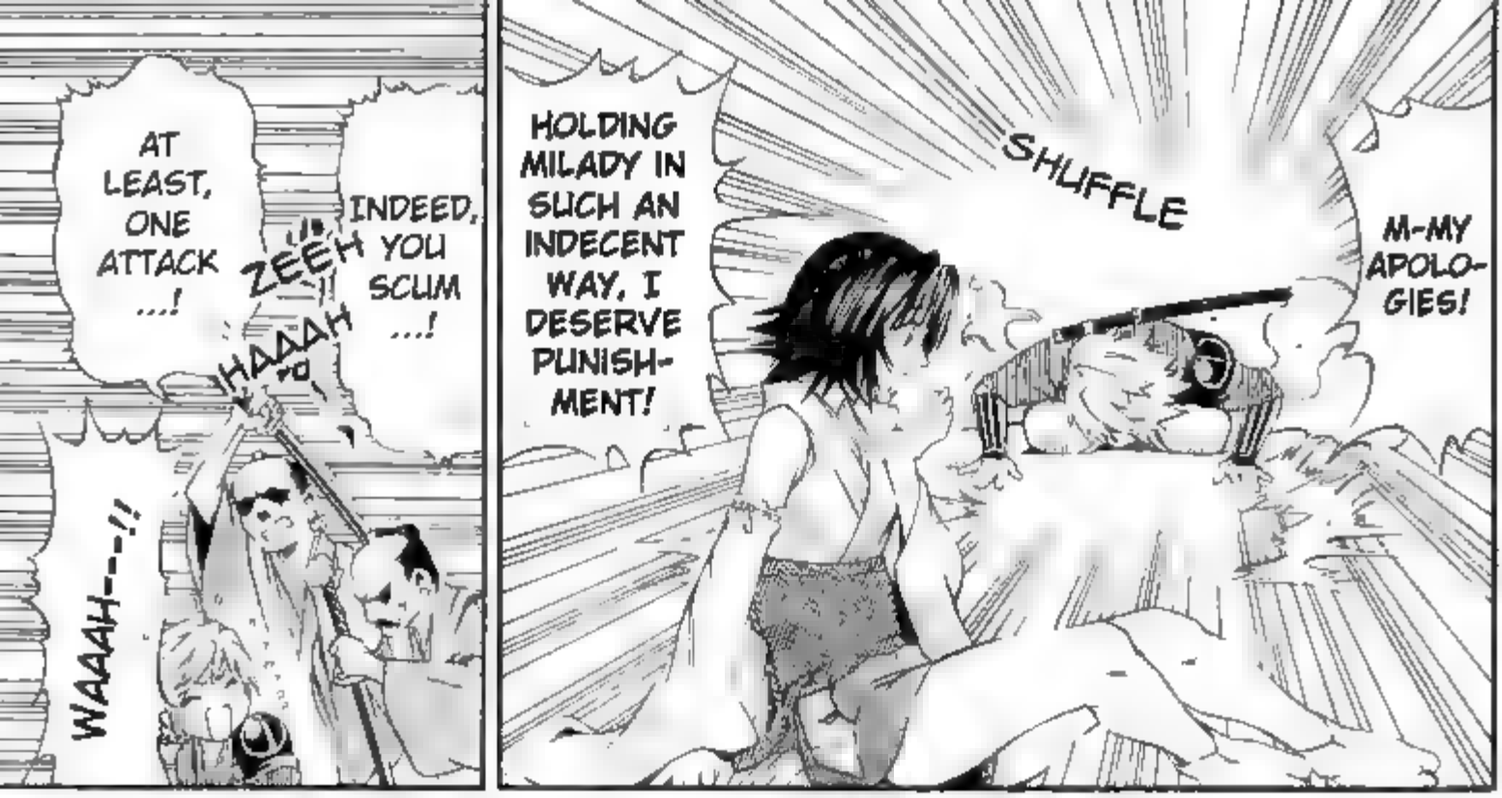

SOOOO

MILADY CAN REST EASY, FOR WE HAVE FENDED OFF-!
HA!

THEY'RE GONE...
ENZOOOO


I'VE FINISHED CLEANING UP!
NOT A FIRE ELEMENT, BUT A FLOWER ELEMENT TECHNIQUE, HUH...

MILADY! YOU'RE AWAKE!
RAI... ZOU?

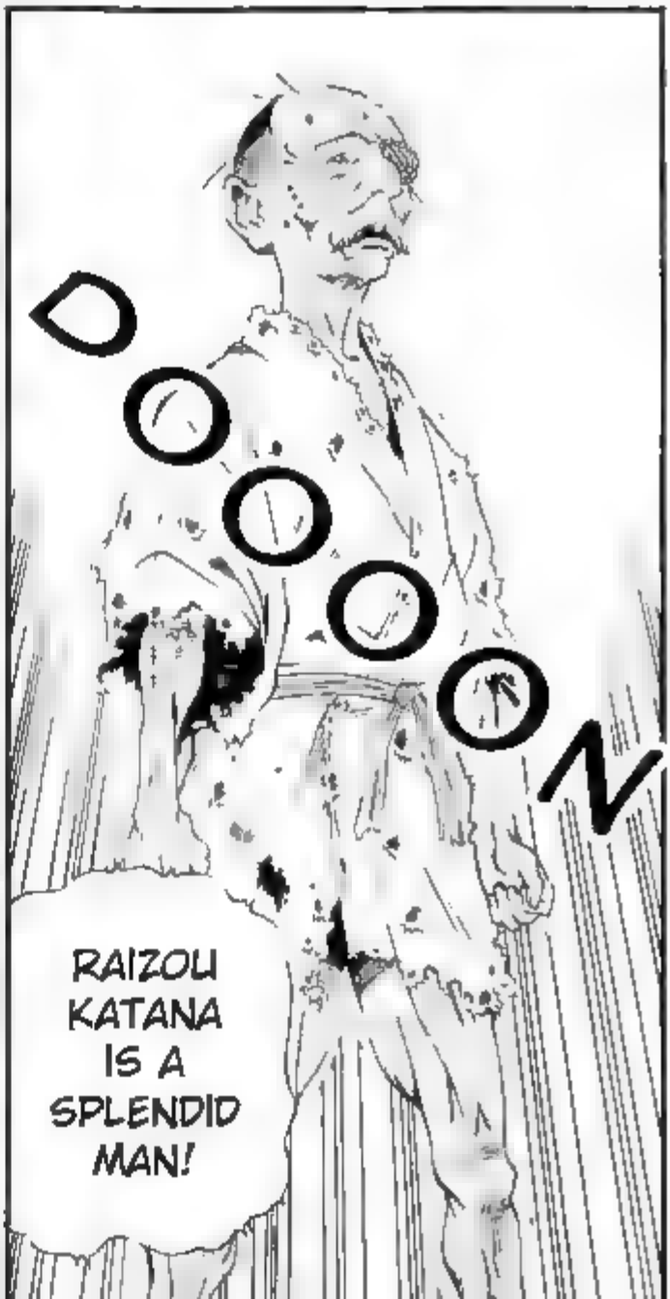

AT LEAST, ONE ATTACK ...!
ZEEH
HAAAH
INDEED, YOU SCUM ...!
WAAAH---!!
HOLDING MILADY IN SUCH AN INDECENT WAY, I DESERVE PUNISH-MENT!
SHUFFLE
M-MY APOLO-GIES!

STAND DOWN!!

THIS YOUNGSTER SAVED THE LIFE OF MY DAUGHTER AND EXPOSED THE LIES OF THE TRUE ENEMY, GONZA! HE IS A TRUE HERO!
MILORD! YOUR... APPEAR-ANCE...
FATHER!

AND ON TOP OF THAT ACHIEVEMENT, YOU SHOWED GREAT COURAGE AND PRESENCE OF MIND IN THE BATTLE JUST NOW...
SO HE HADN'T GONE CRAZY AFTER ALL...

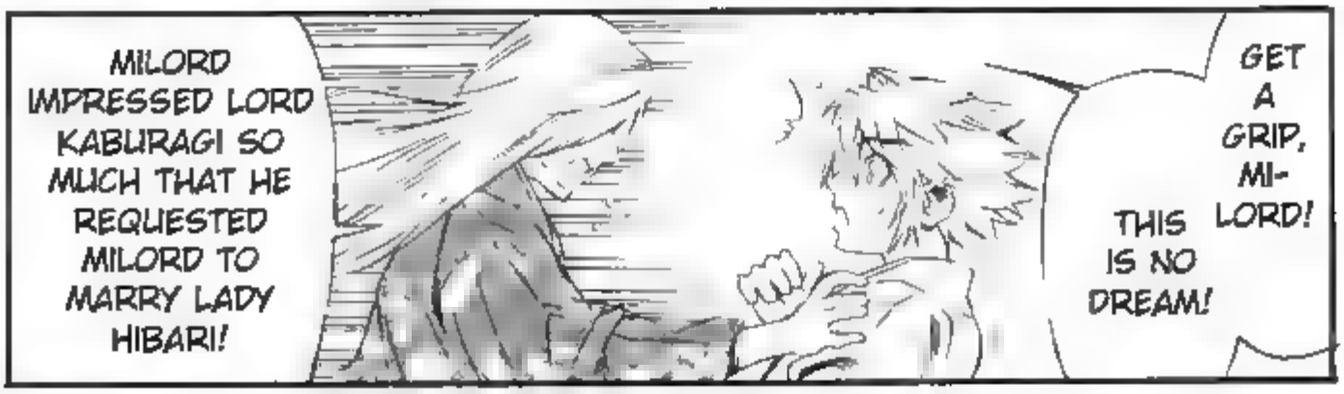
I HAVE THE FEELING THAT YOU ARE THE ONE I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR ...


DOOOOON
RAIZOU KATANA IS A SPLENDID MAN!

I ASK THAT YOU MARRY MY DAUGHTER.
WHAAAAAAT?!

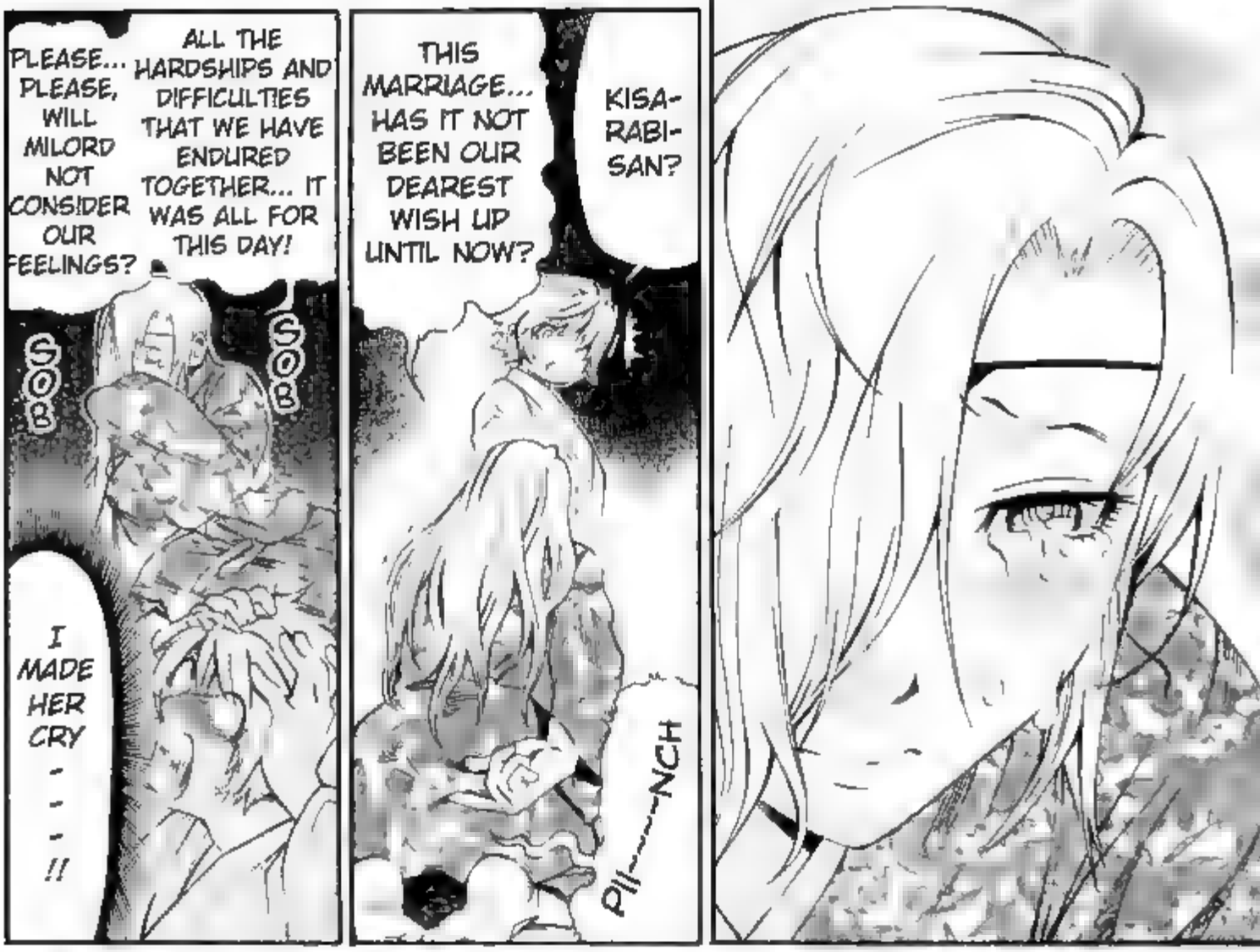
THE NEXT DAY.
THIS IS KABU-RAGI CASTLE.
TO AVOID A VIOLENT OPPOSITION FROM THE COMMONERS AND NOBLES...
THE PRE-PARATIONS FOR THE WEDDING CEREMONY PROCEEDED QUICKLY AND IN SECRET.
TRULY A MIRACLE!
TO THINK THAT WE WOULD ALREADY BE ONE STEP CLOSER TO THE HOUSE'S REVIVAL!
... AND YET!

THIS ISN'T HAP-PENING ...
THIS IS ALL A DREAM ...
GNAW GNAW
HEH HEH...
GNAW GNAW
GNAW GNAW GNAW GNAW
MILORD! WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE THAT!
AND YOU AS WELL KAGARI, HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING ON CRYING?


MILORD IMPRESSED LORD KABURAGI SO MUCH THAT HE REQUESTED MILORD TO MARRY LADY HIBARI!
GET A GRIP, MI-LORD!
THIS IS NO DREAM!

UM?
I'M A DEMON CHILD, YOU KNOW?
BUT ...
WHAT ABOUT MY HORN?

IF MILORD CANNOT, THEN KEEP IT HIDDEN FOREVER.
FOR.. GET?
DEMON CHILD!
HIDE ...?
BUT THEN, IF I'M FOUND OUT ONE DAY...!
ROLL
ROLL
ARE YOU NOT JUST OVERLY NEGATIVE OVER THAT HORN?
AAAA
MILORD!
FORGET ABOUT
YOUR HORN!!
CRACKLE
EVEN IF THE GODS-
THE VERY HEAVENS WOULD ALLOW IT!
CRACKLE
AS LONG AS I HAVE THIS HORN
I WILL NEVER ACHIEVE HAPPINESS!!


KISA-RABI-SAN?
THIS MARRIAGE... HAS IT NOT BEEN OUR DEAREST WISH UP UNTIL NOW?
PI----NCH
ALL THE HARDSHIPS AND DIFFICULTIES THAT WE HAVE ENDURED TOGETHER... IT WAS ALL FOR THIS DAY!
PLEASE... PLEASE, WILL MILORD NOT CONSIDER OUR FEELINGS?
SOB
SOB
I MADE HER CRY ----!!

FOR THE-
FOR THE SAKE OF EVERY-ONE ----!
PHEW
I...! I THINK ...
!

KA-GARI-DONO ...
MY OWN FEELINGS ...
HEY, THE PRINCESS IS ON HER WAY HERE.
SHE WANTS TO SEE HOW THE GROOM IS DOING.
I'M GOING TO THE TOILET.
PUT-TING ON HOLD.
SLIDE
ESCAPING?!
AH!
THAT MILORD ...
SHOULD CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON MILORD'S OWN FEELINGS ...
I THINK THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT ...!
WHOA!
EXCE-LLENT, HONOR-ABLE MOTHER!
CRACK

MI... LADY ...?
HORN...

SHE SAW IIIIII-IIII---T!
RAIZOU?!
THIS IS THE END OF MY RELATION-SHIP WITH MILADY!
BEFORE SHE DRIVES ME AWAY WITH TORCHES AND ROCKS... I'LL RUN AWAY!
WAIT!
HIEE ?!
SHE'S CHA-SING ME?!
WHY DO YOU RUN?!
OUR WEDDING CERE-MONY IS SOON!
FOR-GIVE ME!
SKSH
YOU CHASE AFTER ME EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW ...?
DO YOU TRULY
PAT PAT FUMBLE
NOT WISH TO MARRY ME?
SH 4

DO YOU...
HA-!
HATE ME..?
OF COURSE NOT!
BUT I KEPT THIS THING ON MY HEAD A SECRET FROM MILADY...!
OH, WAS THAT IT?
WELL... I CANNOT SAY THAT I WAS NOT SURPRISED.
THERE ARE NOT MANY WITH SUCH AN UNUSUAL THING!
AARG!
SUR-PRISED!
UN-USUAL!
WAA-AH!
WAA-AH!
I DON'T WANNA HEAR IT!
BUT...

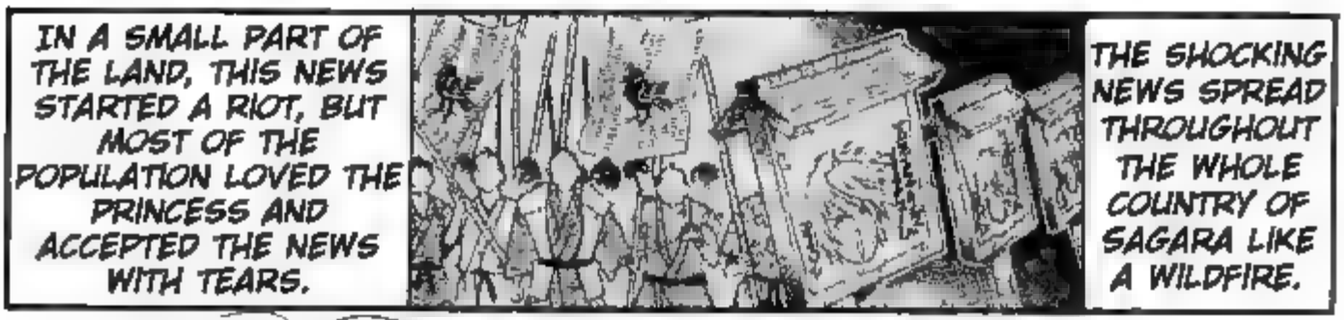
I WANT TO KEEP THE MEMORY OF THE KIND MILADY I KNOW.
SO, BEFORE MILADY HATES ME...
I SHALL LEAVE.
ME... HATING YOU?
IMPOSSIBLE! IT IS THE VERY OPPOSITE! I-
JUMP
THEN, LIVE WELL, MILADY!
RAIZOU!!
JUMP JUMP
JUMP
THEN, WE SHALL BE TAKING OUR LEAVE TOO!
PLEASE FORGET ABOUT MILORD'S HORN!
... HORN?

WHY DID YOU NOT ASK ME ABOUT MY FEELINGS FIRST?
WHY, HERO-DONO?
IDIOOO----T!!
HUUH?
NO, IT'S BETTER THIS WAY, KISARABI-SAN.
...MILORD
HAAH PHUUM
UMM... WELL... I DID SAY TO CONSIDER OUR FEELINGS ...
CONSIDERING HER PERSONALITY, I AM SURE SHE-
BUT RUNNING AWAY IN ALL HASTE LIKE THAT... MILORD SHOULD CONSIDER THE PRINCESS'S FEELINGS TOO.

DRIP
THIS PER-SON ...
ALL THESE YEARS HAVE CAUSED HIS HEART TO CLOSE OFF.
BECAUSE, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
THERE'S NO GIRL WHO'D FALL IN LOVE WITH A DEMON CHILD LIKE ME.
WAAA~~N
JUST... JUST WHAT HAVE WE BEEN WORKING SO HARD FOOOOR?!
CRY-ING FOR REAL NOW.
THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL, MILORD!

I'M SURE SHE'S OUT THERE!
THE GIRL WHO'LL LOVE MILORD FROM THE BOTTOM OF HER HEART!
WAA~~N
WHO, EXACTLY, ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

URAAAH
MARRIAGE---?!
WE WERE INFORMED IT WAS SOMETHING OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE, BUT WE NEVER IMAGINED-!
THEN, WILL THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY BE HELD TODAY?
...NO.
THE WEDDING HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR A SHORT WHILE.
AS YOU CAN SEE, MY GROOM IS NOT HERE.
THEN, WHAT IN THE-
WHAT !!
THEREFORE, I HAVE A REQUEST TO MAKE OF YOU.
I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS, I DO.
BUT THIS TIME WOULD EVENTUALLY COME, SO PLEASE BEAR IT.
EVEN IF YOU ARE A SAMURAI, CRYING AT HAPPY OCCASIONS IS TABOO.
UOOO~
WE WISHED FOR THIS DAY TO NEVER COME...
BUT, IT IS SO SUDDEN ...
SOB SOB


IN A SMALL PART OF THE LAND, THIS NEWS STARTED A RIOT, BUT MOST OF THE POPULATION LOVED THE PRINCESS AND ACCEPTED THE NEWS WITH TEARS.
THE SHOCKING NEWS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE COUNTRY OF SAGARA LIKE A WILDFIRE.

THAN ME, WHO STAGED A COUP D'ETAT, WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
MAKING A BIGGER FUSS OVER THAT GUY
SHOUT
SHOUT
DAMN YOU, STEALING OUR PRINCESS!
I'M GONNA KILL HIM AND THEN KILL MYSELF!
THOUGH I WAS SAVED THANKS TO THAT.
AND, STRANGE AS THOUGH IT MAY SOUND, IN SAGARA THERE WAS ONE WHO WAS THANKFUL FOR THIS PUBLIC OUTRAGE.

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VOLUME 2. END.

SORRY THAT IT TOOK SO LONG ... SEE YA

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YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT STANDS THERE? ME TOO! :D

乱飛乱外 第三巻 予告

忍び衆も恐れる美少年師匠、登場！
そして雷蔵は、自分自身に
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舞台は移ろい、お家再興への旅路は続く。

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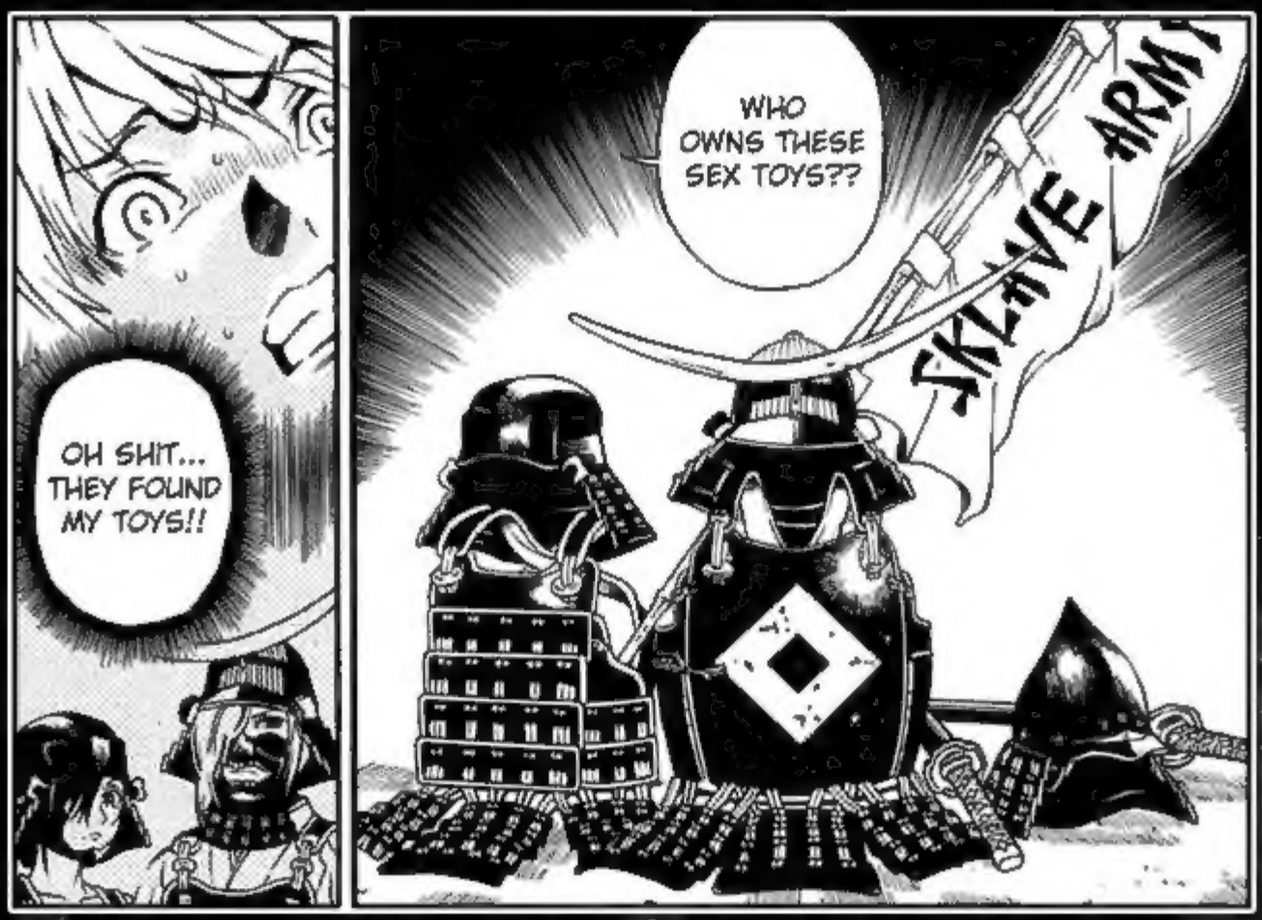

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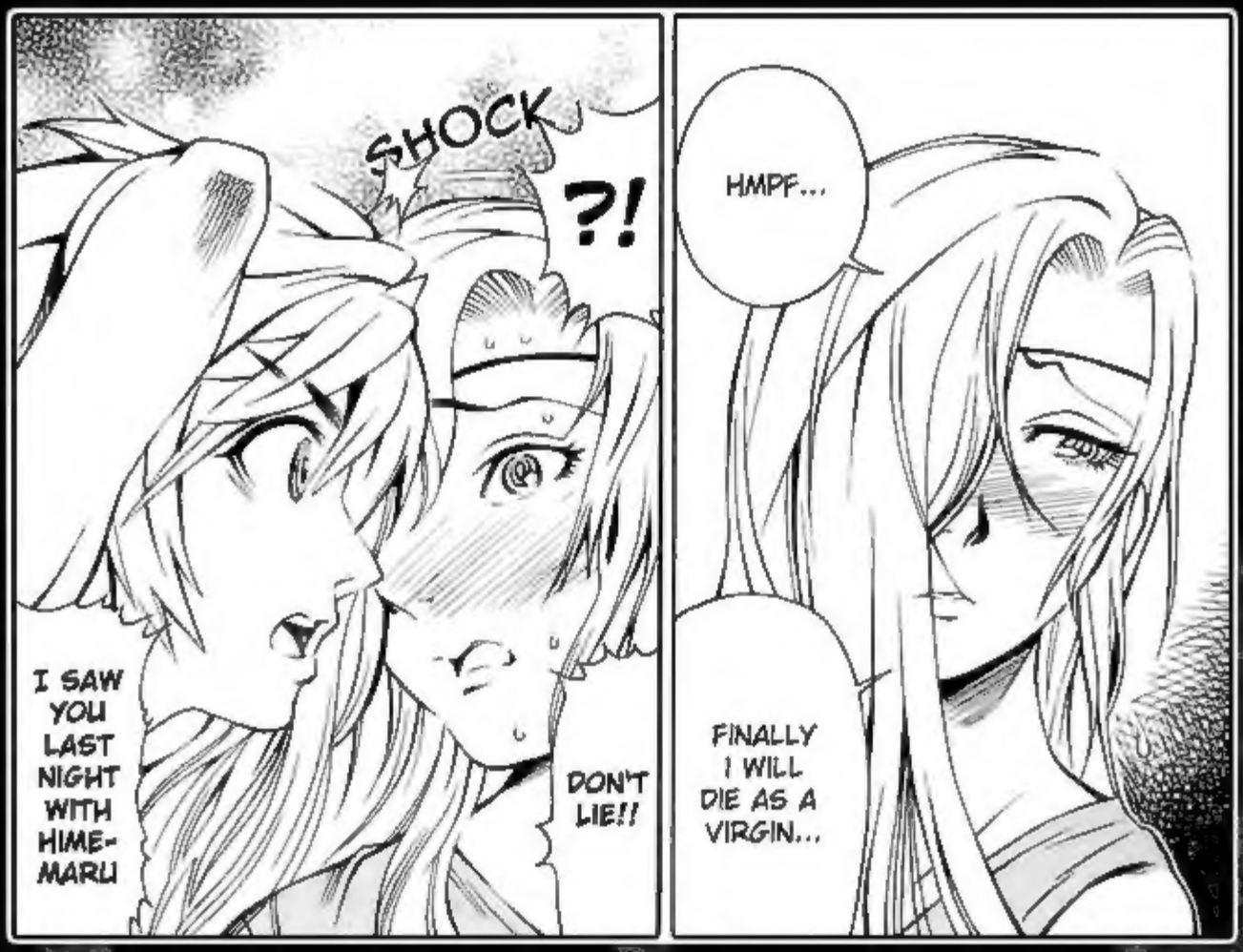

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